

The Crumb

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Where Am I Supposed to Be?

Registration

9 AM-4PM Blue Parlor

Opening Banquet

6 PM Dining Hall

Opening Remarks

7.30 PM Theater

What's To Eat?

Lunch: BLT wraps;
chicken/veggie soup with
orzo; tossed salad; mac n'
cheese

Dinner: grilled salmon with
tomatillo salsa; mushroom
ravioli with carrot sauce; fresh
veggies

What's It Like Outside?

Tuesday: 77/56 Humid

Wednesday: 72/58 Cloudy

Thursday: It'll change anyway

Sighting Shangri-La

You've arrived! Welcome to new students ('bout five dozen of you) and returners. If you feel like you've stepped into a James Hilton novel, you're not alone. The Loaf positively oozes with goodness, kindness, and light. Oh, and you're the essential lynchpin in the entire operation. So, grab a seat next to someone you don't know, introduce yourself, and start filling the foisons of positivity that keep this place running. You'll find incredibly intriguing impresarios, published poets, academic all-stars, and down to earth dudes and dudettes ready to rap. Yeah, it's really like that.

While you won't find many lamas on this mountain (big hitter, the Lama), you ought to familiarize yourself with the environs. Thus, be certain you've completed all registration forms in the Blue Parlor, fulfilled all financial obligations, & etc. Check out the Bookstore in the Annex basement. Wander in the Barn. And learn to love pale yellow and green color schemes.

See you back at the Inn at 6 o'clock sharp in your suave "smart casual" duds for the Opening Banquet. You'll not want to miss the 91st Opening Ceremony in the Burgess Meredith Little Theater just after dinner. Director Jim Maddox, Associate Director Emily Bartels, and Middlebury College President Ron Liebowitz will regale you with a history of BLSE, Joseph Battell, and the work done here in ages past. A reception with light refreshments will follow on the West Lawn.

An Actor Prepares

Audition for *Mad Forest*, the Caryl Churchill play presented by the Bread Loaf Theater Program! Find your cues at 7 pm in the Little Theater this Wednesday. All members of the community are encouraged to audition or simply watch. Stay tuned for more opportunities to unleash your hidden dramaturge, thespian, or stage hand.

Inn-A-Gadda-Da-Vida

Stop by the Inn's Front Desk for answers to manifold questions Bread Loavian in nature. Other concerns like the airspeed of an African swallow or the score of the Portugal—North Korea game (7 goals. Seriously?) are also fair game. Calling extension 2700 will save you a trip, but hey, you said you were going to get more exercise this summer, right? Innkeepers Extraordinaire Ed and Victoria Brown are ably assisted by old hands Kalli Federhofer, MacNair Randall, Peter Newton, and Matt Fiorentino. They're all BL alums, so they've talked it AND walked it. 'Nuff said.

Neither Rain, Nor Hail, Nor Sleet...

Front Desk staff can also help you pass along that postcard home; they conduct the BL Post Office. Mail goes up and down the Mountain Monday through Saturday while UPS only works the five day week. Seems we're not the only ones loafing. Making your mail routine a little more Pennsylvanian, you've got a friend in your box. You share a mailbox with another student—but not the mail itself. So look, but don't touch. Bonus: your box buddy can help you line up the alphanumeric code wheel, unlock the One Ring, and get your electric bill paid on time.

Walk This Way

You already know the brilliance and sublime capabilities of Elaine Lathrop, Karen Browne, Sandy Le Gault and Susan Holcomb. They're the ones whose correspondence you devoured so readily in cooler months. Find them in the back of the Inn—first floor of course—with questions concerning registration, course selection, and administrative needs. If you've needs relating to letters of recommendation, fellowships, or transferring credits, speak with Sandy in the Inn Seminar Room. That's out the back door and across the walkway from the Theater. Since all students will meet with Emily or Jim during the summer, now's as good a time as any to schedule that *tete a tete* through one of these information mavens. Cruise through between 8.15 and 4.30 for maximum helpfulness or try them at extension 5360.

Assistants' Creed

Treman houses the three Assistants to the Director: Eric Eye, Georgia Summers, and Renee Lewin. Trained by a coterie of Shaolin monks, they'll use ancient arts to provide all manner of sustenance, technical support, and general orchestration energies to the BL community. It's Eric's second tour of duty here, and the ladies will brook no fools. Thus, when they serve libations at receptions, set up your Smart Board for that stunning presentation on Proust, or pop your corn for weekend movies, say "Thank You." Barn dances, materiel distribution, noise code enforcement are also their bailiwick. Don't risk a demonstration of the Praying Mantis Technique by running afoul of the ADs.

What Do You Read, My Lord?

The lifeblood runs thickest in Davison Library and the Annex Bookstore. Magistra Librorum Kellam Ayres, Research Librarian Andy Wentink, and Kim Eye can help you navigate the reserve texts for your course on Renaissance Comedy, research Faulkner's last will and testament through MIDCAT, or point you toward some lighter fare for that hour you have free toward the end of July. Many of the instructions you'll need are printed and posted around the first floor computers in handy plastic frames. Remember: those downstairs computers want only to be seen, not heard. Typing papers, posting status updates, and listening to Kanye and Suge battle rap can all be accomplished on the second floor. Library hours run 8 am—12 am, Sunday—Thursday and 8 am—10 pm, Friday and Saturday.

The Bookstore sells various and sundry course texts, an assortment of products for making your toilette, and merchandise emblazoned with the Bread Loaf brand. Between 8.30 and 12.30 weekdays, you can also find phone cards, munchies not available in the Barn, and many of the tomes penned by our very own BL professors. Stop in the basement of Annex and get geared up.

An Apple Steve Jobs Doesn't Own

The Apple Cellar's the place for serious scholastic composition, should you roll *sans* laptop. It's also home to a real, working air conditioning unit. When it gets sultry around these parts, papers suddenly go through seven or eight drafts. Shel Sax oversees the whole show, but you can find any number of student computer savants to help retrieve the fourteen pager you just deleted or drop a sweet ClipArt graphic into your personal essay (trust me, Armstrong will eat it up). Ground Rules: don't bring food or drink in the Cellar and always, always pay for your paper. The small wooden box near the printers ain't for tips; drop a nickel per page in that sucker.

Tumblin' Whites

Just because you threw your whole hamper in the trunk doesn't mean you need to stink all summer. Right beyond Larch and in front of the phone booth, you can find Bread Loaf's laundering facilities. Note: clothing only; no currency. Pick up

quarters from the Front Desk (is there anything they can't do?) and be prompt in retrieving your stuff. Sometimes the Laundry Fairy folds for you and sometimes not. And just what the phone booth's doing there leads us to

III Communication

Ranking right up there on the all-time Best Things About Bread Loaf is the fact that cell phones find nary a signal on campus. That's real good news for you on the creditor front; slightly worse news on the Significant-Other-at-Home front. Your best bet for sending cell *communiqués* is driving down Route 125 until you hit East Middlebury. Pull over and gab all you want. Local legend tells of a rock filled with lithium ore just behind Treman that provides faint, faint cell reception, but most folks think it's balderdash.

Landlines still work. There's a phone on every hall with a campus directory nearby. To dial a campus number, plunk in the corresponding digits as listed in said directory. Remember: the Front Desk is x2700. Using a calling card will mean you dial 9-1 then follow the directions on the card. A local phone call is a freebie; simply dial 9 and your number. Be a pal and take a message if your dorm phone rings. Be a bigger pal and ask your non-BL friends and family to call before 11 pm and after 8 am. Your whole dorm will appreciate the communicative restraint.

Enter Apothecary

A black metal rolling cart of salutary goodness sits just outside the first floor women's restroom inside the Inn. Its contents cover everything from headaches to bee stings to minor cuts and scrapes. Additionally, you'll find information regarding nearby pharmacies, health centers, and (oddly) instructions on clearing your sinuses. While there are no Nurse Ratcheds on campus, you can always visit the Parton Health Center (phone: 443-5135) and see the on-duty nurse between 12 and 4 pm. Wearing whale boxers is not recommended. An emergency requires a 911 call followed by notification of the Front Desk (x2700). If the emergency occurs after hours, get the ambulance with 911 then call Ed or Victoria Brown (x2733) to give them a heads up. A final FYI: the aforementioned cart also contains latex prophylactics.

Drivin' and Cryin'

No, wise guy, Route 125 doesn't always look like that. Normally, the frost heaves make it *more* bumpy. The reconstructed roadway will reach completion long after we leave. So, plan to give yourself an extra 20—40 minutes going down or coming up the Mountain. Locals say the best times to travel 125 are before 8 am, after 6 pm, and weekends. Highway construction workers deserve a brake.

I am Towanda! Face It. I'm Older and I Have More Insurance

Because 125's such a mess, the state police will likely take an increased interest in its entirety. So, after you've unloaded your car, park it in the Barn lot. Tickets may be more numerous this year than in the past for recalcitrant dorm parkers. Follow the neon pink ribbons set up to guide you and avoid pulling into the muddy grass. Don't think that you're the exception to this parking mandate. Please play by the rules. Residents of Gilmore, Brandybrook, and Tamarack: as you were.

One Can Say Everything Best Over a Meal

Chef Darren and Headwaiter Andrew Mezeske serve breakfast at 7.30, M—F; 8 on weekends. Lunch begins promptly at 12.45 on weekdays; 12.30 on weekends. Dinner always commences at 6. Darren has asked anyone with food allergies to stop by the kitchen at your earliest convenience to set up your meals. It's no trouble and the staff always puts equal love into all its creations. Speaking of working with the food staff, please recall that your waiters are also your classmates and friends. They have to hike to classes, complete papers, and get some shut-eye just like you. Be courteous and arrive on time to meals and make your getaway when the lights flicker. Otherwise, Mezeske will re-enact the famous stage direction from *The Winter's Tale*.

Seniors Rule

Provided they pass this summer's courses, a passel of Loafers will walk the stage, get hooded, and grab that cane in August. If that's you, your first reception will take place Wednesday (tomorrow) at Earthworm Manor at 5 pm. Know,

too, that you've a mandatory meeting this Friday in the Blue Parlor at 2 pm. There, you'll get fitted for regalia, elect officers, and begin thinking more seriously about that M.Litt.

Crouton-y Toni Tone Has Done It Again

The children of faculty and BL students often enroll at Croutons, the child-care program and day camp run by Mary Johnson Children's Center. It's just down 125 on Lincoln Road at Ripton Elementary School. To find schedules and fees, call 388-2853. Kids aged 0-12 qualify. The curriculum includes self-directed learning and tons of experiential education.

Smoke Gets In Your Eyes

Vermont state law prohibits smoking in *all* public buildings (including dormitories), and Bread Loaf does not permit smoking on porches. You may smoke near the Barn or any other location with those spindle-shaped sand pails. Our smoke detectors have a hair trigger; if your room alarm goes off, turn on the fan and open the windows. Smoke detectors that make noises with no discernible cause want a new battery. Stop by the Front Desk, and they'll be happy to oblige.

I'm Giving It All I Can, Captain

Bread Loaf's electrical system won't support energy hounds like coffee makers, microwaves, and hair dryers. They'll fry the circuits, and then you'll have to explain why your pompadour, cuppa joe, or Hot Pocket was more important than a 19th century inn building beloved by generations of Loafers. Don't fret, though. Your hairdryer works in the bathroom outlet just fine.

LEED Certified Living

The Green Mountains won't stay so unless you do your part. Drop recyclables in their appropriate receptacles. EPA headquarters doesn't have this many clearly labeled bins; use them already. Drink from a hardy coffee travel mug or a non-carcinogenic water bottle and take a quick shower. It wouldn't hurt to turn off lights in rooms you leave. It might be even more fun if your roommate's still typing her paper in there. The Front Desk even accepts your used batteries. No word, though, on that annoying drumming bunny.

Kaffee Klutches and Tea Times

Mid-morning, you can ramble over to the Barn and find pastries, bagels, and a muffin or two in case you missed breakfast or because the second half of your discussion on Axel Heyst needs some tailwind. The coffee pots brew the good stuff pretty much around the clock, but only—and the necessity of your participation must be underscored—if you keep an eye open and brew a new pot when you exhaust the old one. Be the change you want to see.

No I Can't Berlioz; I Prefer Liszt

In a tradition predating games at the Coliseum, fireworks on the Fourth of July, and even *Jersey Shore* viewing parties, *The Crumb* is pleased to offer the weekly Top Ten competition. Here's the skinny: form a team of crack wits and christen yourselves with a clever reference to dorm, gender, or staff position (**Ladies of Larch, Waitstaff**). Then submit your funniest entries for *The Top Ten Things You Don't Want to Hear Your Roommate Say On Move In Day* to Ken Hincker by 10 am this Friday. Use BreadNet or snail mail. The best zingers will gain immortality in that day's *Crumb*.

Crumb As You Are, As You Were, As I Want You to Be

The Crumb arrives at the Front Desk, Dining Hall, and Library each weekday afternoon just before lunch. It contains any number of news items, plaintive requests, stern reminders, announcements both major and minor, Top Ten lists, food menus, animal sightings, weather forecasts, and strained attempts at humor. *The Crumb* ought to be interactive and ecumenical. Please take a moment to apprise us of your news, or consider writing a small piece and have your voice captured for all time. If you're traveling, graduated, or otherwise nostalgic, you can also find the *CyberCrumb* in the CyberBarn on BreadNet. Your *Crumb Bum* is one Ken Hincker, a 2009 BL grad. Submit your 411 via BreadNet or campus mail or come find *hizzoner hisself* furiously typing on Davison's second floor. Make every effort to contact me by 10 am to sneak that morsel into that day's edition. Let's have a fantastic summer.

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Upcoming Events

Today:

Senior Reception 5 pm

Mad Forest Auditions 7 pm

Thursday:

Madrigalist Meeting 5 pm

Friday:

Senior Meeting 2 pm

All School Picnic 6 pm

Weather

Today: Early Showers 75/ 58

Thursday: Thunderstorms? 76/ 47

Friday: Helios Ascendant 70/ 49

Menu

Lunch: Grilled chipotle-maple tofu or chicken; stir fry veggies; burger or black bean soup

Dinner: Grilled hoisin pork or risotto cakes in apricot sauce; roasted red taters; sautéed veggie medley

Logos

If you do not breathe through writing, if you do not cry out in writing, or sing in writing, then don't write, because our culture has no use for it.

--Anais Nin--

You Lookin' At Me?

Yes. In fact, we're all looking at you. Please park your cars *only* in the Barn lot. More than a handful of autos spent the night close to their owners. Do the right thing and keep 125, the main drive, and the areas around your dorm free of all petroleum-burning vehicles. Gone are the days of benevolent neglect. The avatar of George III will show up as a ticket-wielding cop who might ruin an otherwise perfect afternoon on the Mountain with a fine for you.

A Modest Proposal

Chef Darren and the Waitstaff want only your gustatory delight. If you have a food allergy, find him in the kitchen during off hours to draw up some meals you'd like to eat. You can even bring your own recipes and they'll try to oblige. No word at press time on that Swiftian secret ingredient.

Theater of Dreams

Auditions for *Mad Forest* take place tonight at 7 pm in the Little Theater. Wear comfortable clothing for a warm up exercise, but don't bother preparing anything. You'll read scenes of Alan's choosing. There are good roles for 1 woman (who can play middle age) and 3 men of varying ages. Smaller roles exist for 4 others.

If you're down with acting, but want to work in a student production, consider acting in a scene for the Directing Class. At least 40 roles will be on offer.

Anyone who wants to help with the technical aspects of *Mad Forest* should come by the Theater tonight and fill out an information sheet.

Oh, How Thy Worth with Manners May I Sing

Emily Post used to write about eating in our Dining Hall:

Gentlemen leave their coats, hats, sticks, in the hall; ladies leave heavy outer wraps in the hall, or dressing-room, but always go into the drawing-room with their hats and gloves on. They wear their fur neck pieces and carry their muffs in their hands, if they choose, or they leave them in the hall or dressing-room. But fashionable ladies *never* take off their hats.

She added the injunction against moving crossed silverware or leaning chairs a bit later. Avoid sitting in either marked space during our meals, please. And pay attention to the table layout. See where faculty tends to congregate and where students nosh? Go with the flow.

Years after Post, Miss Manners visited the Loaf on a sultry summer night and insisted (as do the Director's Assistants and your hardworking fellow students) that convivial conversations and late night Top Ten List brainstorming sessions take place in the Barn once the clock tolls 11. Not on your porches, please.

Let's Get Physical, Physical

If you want to make *your* body talk, you've got tons of options on and off the Mountain. Maps of hiking/running trails are available at the Front Desk—claro que si—or on that funky, old school drawing hanging in the Barn. Ask your classmates or tablemates where they've found their second wind. Kalli and Ed normally lead the *peloton* and will recommend scenic back roads in the area if you've brought your bike. Do be careful, though, especially since 125 drivers will be trying to make up time because they were delayed down Mountain. You ought to have your bike locked on a rack or in your room. Keep the hallways, porches, and fire escapes bike-free, *s'il vous plait*.

Remember your fancy Middlebury ID card gets you into the Midd Fitness Center on Main Campus gratis. If you're more of a Steve Zissou type, check out the chlorinated lake they call a swimming pool. Take flares and hard tack in case your 500 Free turns into survival floating. Duffers, for an \$85 fee you can play on Middlebury's 18 hole course all summer long. It's apparently plenty challenging, but you can assuage your wounded ego by reminding yourself that you have neither Tiger's talent nor his personal issues.

Pick up games of volleyball, ultimate, and bocce take place nightly. Why not be a pal and begin organizing a weekly contest of athletic prowess? Send me a notice and it'll run on these leaves of grass.

To wit, Chris Bottomley hosts soccer games Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:45 pm. Put on yer boots, hey, hey, hey.

Blackbird Singin' In the Dead of Night

The Madrigalists normally rehearse in hours more amenable, so join up ASAP with Laura Smith Brown. These a *capella* singers perform a selection of pieces just before Alan MacVey and the

Fitness Center Summer Hours:

M-F, 6-8:45 AM and 12-8:45 PM

Sat. and Sun., 10 AM-4:45 PM

Natatorium Summer Hours:

M-F, 6-9 AM and 12-8:45 PM

Sat. and Sun., 10 AM-4:45 PM

Acting Company put on their run of shows. Laura will hold a meeting Thursday at 5 pm in the Barn. You don't need to be an experienced musician, but do need to step to the music you hear, however measured or far away.

I Follow Him To Serve My Turn Upon Him

Amy Appel will act as the 2nd Headwaiter this summer. Requests for Chilled Monkey Brains, Snake Surprise, and Eyeball Soup should go straight to her mailbox. Mostly, though, you'll see Amy keeping order in the Dining Hall and delivering Chef Darren's appetizing creations with aplomb.

Meal tickets for students living off-campus or those who bring family to the Dining Hall are available at the Front Desk. Breaking your fast costs a mere \$6; lunch, 8; and dinner, 10.

Yoga Flame

Here are two items for those who want to continue their *asanas* in a welcoming community or have always wanted to try this practice. Certified yoga teacher Laura Vitale will offer beginner hatha yoga classes on Sunday mornings, 11 am—12 pm, in Barn A. Bring a mat or towel (nothing worse than rug burn when you're trying to open your chakras). Wear loose, comfortable clothing and consider a \$5 donation for Laura's time and expertise. Kelsey Bickers practices vinyasa yoga. She'll hold her sunrise group practice from 6:20—7:20 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Barn A. Students looking to continue their current practice ought to attend. If you've pulled another late-nighter to work on your paper examining Bakhtinian grotesquerie in Dante's *Malebolge*, give yourself a break. Consider Kelsey's stress relief yoga class that focuses on breathing exercises and opening shoulders, wrists, and hips. She'll hold it Wednesdays, 7:30—8:30 pm in Barn A.



Put Yourself In This Picture

Friday at 6 pm, the entire School community will feast and fraternize on the West Lawn (behind the Little Theater). Whether ye be student or staff, spouse or scion, come and let us to banquet. If you're on-campus or off-, we shall make merry until the moon dapples yon faraway hills. It'll be scrumptious picnic fare, prepared by the inimitable kitchen staff. *Harry Potter & The Half-Blood Prince* will be the movie *du jour*, so pack a comfy blanket and head over to the Barn at 9 pm to watch. (The Griffins appear courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox. Don't get close to Peter when he's eating.)

Americans Into the Knockout Stage of the Cup!

Landon Donovan scored the game's only goal in the 91st minute to send American soccer fans into ecstasy. What's more, the Americans win their group and continue their hunt for the greatest prize in world sport. Onward, you Yanks!

Medicine For the Soul

The Annex Bookstore will offer extended hours this week for you to pick up all texts, BL clothing, and beauty items. Come by anytime between 8:15 am and 4 pm until Friday. Next week resumes normal hours: 8:15 am—2:30 pm.

Bear Gone Fishin'

It only took 48 hours. Jasmine Caserotto reports seeing a bear cub in the vicinity of the Frost Cabin during her (excessively early) morning run yesterday. Exercise caution—there's no joke here—when you stumble upon these Green Mountain residents. Avoid putting yourself between a baby and its mama. Counter-intuitively, stay still before backing quietly away. Don't run. Sometimes dropping a bag, camera, or your copy of Ulysses will distract a bear, leaving you time to make your getaway. Forewarned is forearmed.

You've Been Summoned

First-years and students new to the Mountain should begin making appointments to meet with Jim Maddox and Emily Bartels. You'll have a chance to lay out your plans for that book on Stan Lee's literary chops or show them the sonnet cycle on mulm you've been crafting. Find one of the helpful ladies in the Bread Loaf Office to schedule your time. While you're there, stick a push pin on the map to let us know where you call home.

Freemans Foster Fiction

As Jim mentioned last evening, Jon and Rebecca Freeman offer a multi-campus fiction competition to Bread Loaf writers. Vermont's deadline is **Monday, June 29**. That's next week, compadre. Each student may submit a single piece of no more than 10 double-spaced pages that feature 1" margins and font no smaller than 10 point. There will be a cash award. You give permission for your writing to be printed and distributed by entering the contest. Email submissions to [Karen Browne@breadnet.middlebury.edu](mailto:Karen_Browne@breadnet.middlebury.edu).

Virginia Reelin'

A Bread Loaf tradition unlike any other, the Square Dance will take place this Saturday eve. Local callers will teach you all you need to know, folks will don their Huck Finn lookalike garb, and the Barn will start a-rockin'. Start building your *outfit* (Emily...) right away and polish up your dancing shoes.

Many Notes Leaven the Work

Thank you for responding so quickly and so thoroughly to calls for information. Thank you, too, for reading another *Crumb* double issue. Rest assured, they won't all run to Ellen-like lengths. Be sure to search for Hincker on BreadNet and keep those comments, jokes, and announcements coming.

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Upcoming Events

Today:

Madrigalist Meeting 5 pm

Gilmore 8:30-ish

Friday:

Senior Meeting 1:55 pm

All School Picnic 6 pm

H.P. & ½ Blood Prince 9 pm

Saturday:

Square Dance 9 pm

Weather

Today: Thor's In Charge
74/47

Friday: Warm N' Gorgeous
70/45

Menu

Lunch: Pasta primavera
w/chicken pesto; Veggie Ziti
w/white wine & garlic sauce;
Summer squash soup w/mint

Dinner: Braised beef shortribs;
tortellini w/basil cream sauce;
Brunoise veggies

In Their Words

A book must be the ax for the
frozen sea within us.

~Franz Kafka~

We'll Always Have Paris

Professor Django Paris joins the Bread Loaf faculty this summer from Arizona State University. After a career in middle and high school teaching that found him increasingly intrigued by the intersection of sociolinguistics and youth culture, Django returned to his California roots and studied at Stanford. Asking secondary students—and his current M.Ed. students—to situate language and learning in the lives of indigenous communities has formed the backbone of his teaching methodology. At longtime BL faculty member Andrea Lunsford's urging, Mr. Paris brings his deeply thoughtful and wide-ranging scholarship to Vermont. His work on hip-hop, spoken word poetry, new communication technologies, and language rights informs the two courses he will teach this summer. Salutations, willkommen, bienvenue.

Erato, et. al. Meet For Parlor Games

Christian Gregory will host the Blue Parlor reading series this summer. Beginning this Sunday at 7 pm, all students and staff are invited to read and enjoy others' original creative work. Poetry, prose, and song have all debuted at these informal and collegial gatherings. Dust off that piece to share with a community of supportive listeners. Email Christian over Bread Net or speak with him in person to get on the docket.

Bocce-chi-chia

No sprouts or watering necessary. Charles Temple will again head the Bread Loaf Bocce Unlimited Tournament. This Italian game of shrewd strategy and hand-eye coordination requires only a partner and desire to play. Take a practice round or two using bocce sets on Annex Porch or down in Barn East. If your team wants to enter the arena and test itself against the Best of the Best (Eric Roberts might make a cameo), simply design a clever name and inform Monsieur Temple of your intention to play in the Tourney. Last year's contest featured high drama and a final cliffhanger; no winner was determined. Will you emerge at the pinnacle?

Get Happy, Gilmore

The men of Gilmore cordially invite you to rest your weary eyes awhile by taking a moonlight stroll to their humble abode. A short trip past John's Pond and up the gravel road will yield delights heretofore unknown. Gilmore Thursdays feature libations (this one's for you, Athena), tasty beverages, and literary readings of such magnitude and

depth that rocks sing and birds fall mute. If Jim and President Liebowitz only stimulated your appetite for Joseph Battell's prose stylings, fear not O reader. You can hear a selection from Ellen lovingly rendered by a mysterious faculty stranger, catch up with that whip-smart cutie from your Theory class, or simply bask in the bonfire's light. Doors open at 7; reading starts when Piney's good and ready, normally around 8:30.

Seniors Can't Skip This Day

Fifth year students: you absolutely, positively—no excuses granted—must attend the class meeting tomorrow at 1.55 pm in the Blue Parlor. Since you'll elect class officers, start planning class events, get measured for graduation regalia, and take photos of the hordes that make up this year's cohort, your attendance is required. The last person to miss this one got a visit from Emily and a pair of concrete galoshes.

Passed Out San Diego Man Run Over By Roommate

The Crumb Bum couldn't make up a headline like that one. It's drawn from the San Jose Mercury News. Luckily, such hijinks only concern us in the abstract. Speaking of roomies, your submissions for the *Top Ten Things You Don't Want To Hear Your Roommate Say On Move In Day* have been proceeding apace. But still more are needed. Band together and jot down your witticisms before Friday at 10 am. Send them to Hincker at Bread Net or drop a note in my mailbox.

Be the Ball, Danny

World Cup 2010 enters its second phase, the knockout stage, tomorrow. Fans of the U.S. team will head to the Waybury Inn in East Middlebury to continue the delicious ache that comes with watching our boys play. We take on Ghana at 2:30, but you'd do well to arrive a bit earlier. Should you wish to stay closer to home (or to root for another team), soccer maven John Munro will stream Uruguay vs. South Korea in Barn 1 at 10 am on Saturday and Germany vs. England on Sunday morning at the same time. All are welcome to come watch the beautiful game.

You Oughta Be In Pictures

Ready for your close-up? Ed "Ansel Adams" Brown will take the yearly photographs next week in front of the Inn. **Faculty:** Monday, 6.28, at 12:25. **Staff:** Tuesday, 6.29, at 1:30. **All School:** Tuesday, 6.29 at 12:25.

Natatorium B.I.G.

Intrepid Aquatic Correspondent Ruth Miller sends word that Middlebury's pool will be closed to the public this weekend. Seems there's a two day Long Course Northeast Championship Swim Meet. Adjust your schedules accordingly.

Go Against the Flow

Safety officers remind Loafers to run and walk against traffic on 125. Bike and drive in your usual fashion...a terrifying proposition in the case of this *Crumbly* driver.

Wannabe Neuromancer

If you'd rather enjoy the *Crumb* in cyberspace, open your Bread Net account. From the Desktop, choose Conferences. Inside, you'll find the CyberBarn. Clicking on *that* icon gains you access to BL publications at every campus including our own. If that doesn't work, head to the Health Center to check for Russian mycotoxins in your bloodstream. Hey, it happened to Case...

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Events

Today:

Senior Meeting	1:55 pm
All School Picnic	6 pm
Harry Potter Flick	9 pm

Saturday:

U.S. vs. Ghana	2:30 pm
Square Dance	9 pm

Sunday:

Blue Parlor	7 pm
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Menu

Lunch: Veggie medley over couscous; BBQ pulled pork; cornbread; Lebanese slaw

Dinner: BBQ chicken; pork ribs; burgers; hotdogs; salad

Weather

Today: Sun and clouds, temperate 74/52

Saturday: Storms midday, cooler 68/47

Sunday: See Friday forecast

Weekend Dining Hours

B: 8 am L: 12:30 pm

D: 6 pm

Wood Fires the Intellect with Drew Lecture

One of the most anticipated events on the Bread Loaf calendar, the Elizabeth Drew Lecture has been a staple of scholastic inquiry for many years. Over a career lasting nearly a half-century, Ms. Drew's prodigious writing output included poetry, literary scholarship, drama, and numerous essays. Born in Singapore, educated in England, Ms. Drew's varied life saw her survive the Blitz, achieve success as a critic and public intellectual, and find an abiding affinity for Bread Loaf. She taught at Girton College in Cambridge, the University of Cambridge, Smith College, and right here. Past Drew Lecturers have included Marjorie Garber, Oskar Eustis, Dick Brodhead, Tony Kushner, Seamus Heaney, and Isobel Armstrong.

Bread Loaf's own Michael Wood will deliver the 2010 Drew Lecture **Monday at 7:30 in the Little Theater**. His talk will assay notions of the just in Nabokov, Dostoevsky, Kafka, and others to determine whether these fictional representations mimic or trouble concepts of poetic justice. Right or wrong, you'll want to be there.

Writing Center Wises with Wrenewed Excitement

Jen Hansum would like to be in contact with current BL students who have Writing Center experience and would like to participate in an ongoing peer reading community on the Vermont campus. If you're interested in discussions over the summer about starting a writing center in your home school, training your students to respond helpfully to their peers' writing, or other related topics, please also send Jen an email at jennifer_hansum@breadnet.middlebury.edu.

Feast For All

The All School picnic takes place **tonight on the West Lawn at 6**. It's free. It's tasty. It's all your favorite people: your kids, your spouses, your newly acquired love interest, your professors, and your classmates. Mama Nature's dialed up the perfect day, while Daniel Radcliffe takes you to Hogwarts for the perfect night. Don't forget that **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince** plays just after at 9.

Auto Advice

The kindly state policeman who left campus this morning recommends a weekly drive-thru wash (including the undercarriage) to all cars that drive 125 on the regular. The crushed cement that makes up the roadway puts a hurting on metal and rubber alike.

Statey then looked askance at all you *still* parked along the road. Construction's starting in front of the Inn momentarily. Feelin' lucky?

Gerry Fleck's Two Left Feet

The Crumb Bum expects to see far greater agility—and certainly better rhythm—than Winky's daddy tomorrow night. Whether you're new to the Hocus Pocus or can Criss Cross Your Neighbor like a champ, everyone ought to find their way to the **Barn at 9. The Bread Loaf Square Dance** simply can't be missed. Caller Tom Bahre and his crew will keep you stomping until 11. Remember to bring a valid ID so you can slake the mighty thirst generated by "Diggin' the Clam."

What Shall We Do Tomorrow? What Shall We Ever Do?

If hot water at ten and a closed car at four don't light you up, spin over to the Summer Information page on the Middlebury website. It's located at: www.middlebury.edu/blse/campuses/vt/VTsummer. The "Fun, Food, and Frivolity" section features metric tons of useful ideas about where to eat, play, and enjoy the local surroundings. Travel directions for family and friends coming to visit can also be found and quickly linked. It's kinda the Bible for PFA (People From Away) like us. While you're planning your trip to Flatbread and then a hike along the Long Trail, you'll probably stop and wonder, "Hey, where can I find the BLSE Student Handbook for some light reading?" It's at: www.middlebury.edu/blse/students and covers everything from transferring courses to ordering transcripts to requesting recommendations.

Think You Can Close Out A Game Better Than the Celtics?

Maggie Ray and her hipster hoopster friends want you to join them for a weekly roundball session at the Midd College gym. If you've got mad ups, silky skills, the junk to play in the low post, or simply love to shoot the rock, they want all interested to carpool downtown. **Meet in front of the Barn at 1:45 on Fridays** for a co-ed, full-court game of 5 on 5. Hear that? It's Maggie slapping the hardwood, KG-style.

Football Faux Pas

Apparently, the *Crumb* Bum's got a little footy fever. Yesterday's erroneous message had the U.S. playing their next game today at 2:30. **It's Saturday at 2:30 pm.** Due to a wedding at the Waybury, our fans will now descend upon **Two Brothers Tavern** to take in the match. Thanks to those watchful eyes for catching the misprint. Thanks to Patrick Hastings and Ed Brown for organizing with these fine establishments.

Roommate Ragnarok

The *Crumb* offices experienced a deluge of Top Ten entries, nearly crashing a server and causing a full-scale blackout in Davison. You thought it was the thunderstorms yesterday? Merely a power surge of wit. Therefore, here are the *Top Eleven Things You Don't Want To Hear Your Roommate Say On Move In Day*:

11. Call me, Ishmael. Just kidding! I haven't even read *Ulysses*. (Men of Annex)
10. Yeah, I peed my bed in the last dorm, so they sent me to you. (Guys of Gilmore)
9. Do you prefer to be the big spoon or the little spoon? (Anonymous)
8. I just need two CDs for the summer: Jefferson Starship and Dokken! (Nate Fisher)
7. I prefer my dungeon master name: Zool. (Boys of Barn East)
6. Does the Bookstore sell sticky tack? I need to hang my Sarah Palin poster. (MOA)
5. I was struck by how deeply the roommate trope resonates with me. There's a passage in Wittgenstein about it... (BOBE)
4. Who's there? Nay, answer me. Stand and unfold yourself. (BOBE)
3. Mother always reads this to me as I go to bed...do you mind? (A)
2. I got accepted to BLSE with a kickin' essay on Nicholas Sparks. (BOBE)
1. When I saw I had a roommate, I was all 'Paradise Lost,' man, but now that I've met you, I'm all 'Paradise Regained.' (MOA)

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Events

Today:

Faculty Picture	12:25 pm
Madrigalists	5 pm
Soccer	6:45 pm
Drew Lecture	7:30 pm

Tomorrow:

Maple w/o water	10 am-2 pm
All School Picture	12:25 pm
Staff Picture	1:30 pm

Wednesday:

Drop/Add Deadline	
Director's Reception	5 pm

Menu

Lunch: grilled chicken or marinated garbanzo bean panzanella; corn chowdah

Dinner: roasted lamb in mango sauce or falafel over basmati rice; tasty veggies

Weather

Monday: Storms	79/56
Tuesday: Showers	72/41

Weekly Meal Times

B: 7:30 L: 12:45 D: 6

Photography and Fiction and Poems, Oh My!

Opportunities for artistic arête abound on every campus. Whether you're innately competitive or simply driven by the *ars gratia artis* ethos, drop your hat in the ring and enter one of these annual aesthetic jousts. If you enter a contest, you give your consent to have that work published and distributed.

The deadline for Freeman Fiction entries has been extended to **Friday, July 2**. Karen Browne (Karen_Browne@breadnet.middlebury.edu) needs an email with your piece. If you toil in other pastures—say, poetry or pics—you've still got some time before you take your crops to market. Listen up:

The Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest, a venerable Bread Loaf institution, awards a cash prize and everlasting fame. Winners see their poems published in hard copy and on-line. You may submit one or two poems that run to 40 lines each to Karen Browne by **Thursday, July 22**.

The Bread Loaf Photo Contest concerns two different categories: shots of BL people and shots featuring the campus or nearby scenery. The winner in each category receives a cash prize and the picture(s) may be used in Bread Loaf publications or on the BL web page. Deadline to submit to Sandy LeGault on Bread Net is **Thursday, July 22**. Please format in low resolution, 72 dpi and not 300 dpi.

The Best Way Out Is Always Through

Rehearsals for *Mad Forest* have begun and are open to all. You can find a copy of the schedule posted on the Dining Hall bulletin board each day. Weather permitting, it's also on the white board facing Larch outside the Theater. Alan and the crew ask you to enter and exit through the back porch of the Theater, then make like Art and Paul: let's only hear your sounds of silence.

Wood's Lecture Drew Me Here

Make a point of attending Michael Wood's 2010 Drew Lecture **tonight at 7:30 pm**. "Fictive Justice" promises to heat up your thinking caps. The reception at Treman that follows might cool them off. All members of the community are invited to both events. Michael Wood, the Charles Barnwell Straut Professor of English and Professor of Comparative Literature at Princeton University and long time Bread Loaf faculty member, teaches contemporary fiction, modern poetry, and

the history and theory of criticism. After studying French and German at Cambridge University, Mr. Wood taught literature at Columbia and University of Exeter. He has complemented books on Bunuel, Nabokov, Kafka, oracles, and Stendhal with frequent articles on film in the *New York Review of Books* and the *London Review of Books*. His most recent book is Literature and the Taste of Knowledge.

Care To Loaf Longer?

Students interested in pursuing an M. Litt. degree should plan to attend the informational meeting **Thursday at 5 pm in the Blue Parlor**. Emily Bartels will adumbrate the course of study and answer all your questions.

Hop On The Welcome Wagon

Please introduce yourself to Julie Bernson and Oscar Palacio from the Andover Bread Loaf Writing Workshop. Julie's the Curator of Education at the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy. An Assistant Professor of Photography at R.I.T., Oscar was Artist-in-Residence at the Addison in Andover. More info at: www.addisongallery.org or http://concordart.org/exhibitions/maingallery/10_06-06seeing_is_believing/open.

APB For BLWC

Jen Hansum, Bread Loaf Writing Center Director, wants to hear from you. A number of people will meet **Tuesday at 5 pm** in Barn 1 for an informal discussion relating to all things Writing Centric. If you'd like to help formulate the model for our own Center, start a Center at your home school, or train students to respond helpfully to peers' writing, make it a priority to attend. All students, faculty, and staff are invited to share experiences, questions, and resources. Contact Jen through Box 2265 or at jennifer_hansum@breadnet.middlebury.edu.

Pass The Bronzer, Patroclus

Renee Lewin's looking for aspiring actors from the 7-and-up crowd to put on a fun, feisty retelling of The Iliad for the stage. The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza by Don Zolidis provides the scene. Drop a note, send an email on Bread Net, or find Renee in the Dining Hall to get more information. A performance for the community will cap off the summer.

Had We But World Enough, And Time

Emily and Jim aren't playing coy; they sincerely want to meet with each first-year student and those new to the Vermont campus. Walk over to the Bread Loaf Offices at the Inn to make an appointment or take the Winged Chariot shuttle service from Gilmore, Brandybrook, and Tamarack to do the same. Helpful tip: ask Jim about his vegetable love vaster than empires.

Seniors, Make Like Marlow

If you missed last Friday's meeting, visit resident phrenologists Brown, Federhofer, Fiorentino, Randall, and Newton at the Front Desk. They'll measure your gourd, offer words of advice for cruising up the Congo, and make certain you don't walk at Graduation in ill-fitting regalia....the horror, the horror!

Broken Lance In Life's Tournament? Bocce's The Balm

Charles Temple, Grand Potentate of the IBLBA, has posted the brackets for the 3 ½ Annual Bread Loaf Bocce Tournament. Power seeding guarantees some epic matchups both early and late, including Lucy "Mad Dog" Maddox and Jim "Volo Shot" Maddox tackling last year's champs in Round One! Participants are reminded they may not invoke Winter Rules to improve a lie nor is there any gambling at Bushwood.

God Gave A Loaf To Every Bird, But Just A Crumb To Me

Here are the updated Top Ten standings after one round: Boys of Barn East, 4 points; Men of Annex, 3; Anonymous, 2; Guys of Gilmore, 1. Strangely, the *Crumb* offices only picked up a handful of entries from the double-X chromosome crowd. Ladies, let the lyricism and latent lethargy leave you. Varitek might've phrased it thusly: Cowgirl up. This week's competition takes us toward scholarship and away from first-day jitters. Submit your entries to Hincker on Bread Net by Friday, 10 am for the *Top Ten Scuttled Topics for Bread Loaf Paper #1*.

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Events

Today:

All School Photo 12:25 pm

Staff Photo 1:30 pm

Writing Center Group 5 pm

Softball 6:45 pm

Tomorrow:

Drop/Add Deadline

Director's Reception 5 pm

Thursday:

Madrigalists 5 pm

M. Litt. Meeting 5 pm

Menu

Lunch: grilled crustini
w/tomato, mozza, shrooms;
roasted turkey foccaccia; N.
African cauliflower soup

Dinner: spinach & artichoke
strudel; baked fish in
putanesca sauce over herbed
risotto

Weather

Today: clouds & sun 70/41

Wednesday: pm rain 63/40

Weekly Meal Times

B: 7:30 L: 12:45 D: 6

You Can NOT Be Serious

Soon, all attention will return to the All Ripton Club, scene of miraculous five-set comebacks, towering aces, and epic rallies. That's right: Wimbleloaf is upon us. Ed Brown has placed a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the Dining Hall for all you racketeers. (Well, this tournament's taken a turn now, hasn't it?) Singles tennis players of all abilities are welcome to compete at one of three self-selecting levels: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. Snagging a partner and competing in the Doubles bracket might be your other chance at stringed *kleos*. Note that matchups are made irrespective of gender. Ed tells us, "It's a 21st century world. May the best *player* win."

Workin' At The Car Wash Blues

Jim Croce might've spent time on the Mountain or perhaps understood you can't find paradise by the dashboard lights if you're not rollin' on clean dubs. Regardless, you want to know where to scrub your Sonata a la State Patrolman's recommendation? Punch one of these fine establishments into the GPS: Creek Road Laser Wash, 44 Creek Road, Midd, VT 05753; Exchange Street Car Wash, 464 Exchange Street...; Route 7 Car Wash, 318 Court Street...; Custom Auto Detailing, 31 Seymour Street.... Folks who've already washed say their cars haven't shed cement dust from 125 easily. Weekly trips might become the norm.

Slow Pitch Shenanigans Sure To Ensur

John Munro will wait in the field below Tamarack after dinner until enough hardy souls join him for softball. His steady stream of one-liners should be enough to bring you out, even if you've forgotten your glove or last swung a bat during 9th grade Gym. It's all very low-key, he says, and open to all ability levels and ages. Bring any equipment you might have, please.

Jenny Don't Be Hasty

Front Desk has an unclaimed UPS shoe package for a Jennifer among us. Hey, put your new shoes on and suddenly everything's right.

Chester Scott Memorial

The Scott family will welcome family and friends to their home this **Sunday, July 4 between 1 and 3 pm** to remember Mr. Chester Scott. Lillian Reeves wrote beautifully about her summer neighbor last June:

"Bread Loaf lost a devoted friend with yesterday's passing of Chester Scott of Deacon Hill in Ripton. The Scott family owns the lovely log house in the woods just below the Bread Loaf Burdick cabin. Chester and his wife Rosemary and their children and grandchildren have hosted decades of Bread Loaf students, faculty, and staff on the best screened-in porch in Vermont for parties, music and animated discussion. Our children have grown up picking blueberries from their fields, playing darts on their porch, and wondering at the wildlife that routinely passes through their land. Chester Scott has been part of the fiber of Ripton for years and Bread Loaf will miss his friendship."

Don't Pull A Prufrock

There's only one day left for you to make Drop/Add decisions, visions, and revisions before the taking of toast and tea. If you intend to enter a different course, be certain you've spoken with Elaine in the Main Office. It goes without saying that you've already given a heads up to both professors involved. (Guess it *doesn't* go, now.)

The Play's The Thing

Fledgling actors aged 7 and up should plan to meet Renee Lewin **Thursday at 6:45 pm** in the Barn. She'll lay out the Don Zolidis project, hold auditions for a few roles, and give you all the information you need to perform in The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza. You'll be home in an hour.

But Greater Honor Still They Gave Me, For They Made Me Of Their Tribe

Did you know that only a handful of American schools offer the M. Litt. degree? Middlebury, Drew, Oxford Graduate School (TN), Mary Baldwin, and Sewanee will make you a Magister (ra) Litterarum. If your Bread Loaf M.A. just scratches the surface of your scholastic goals, you should plan to attend the informational meeting for M. Litt. students **Thursday at 5 pm in the Blue Parlor**.

Fabulous Yellow Roman Candles Exploding Like Spiders Across The Stars

If you neglected to stop in South Carolina or New Hampshire to load up on explosive noise-makers, you can still get your flammable fix this weekend. The Front Desk-ers tell of a spot on the Long Trail where you can see local 4th of July celebrations for miles around. A cookie and a smile will probably be a good trade for 411 like that. Want to stay a little closer to civilization? Try:

- Food Fest and Street Dance in Brandon. **Friday, July 2. 5 pm.** Main Street/Rt. 7.
- Fireworks at Bristol Recreation Field. **Friday, July 2. 7:30-8:30 pm.** Games, cotton candy, & etc. More Info: www.bristolrec.org or 453-5885.
- Brandon Independence Day Celebration. **Saturday, July 3. 9 am-10 pm.** Activities, games, music, and food. Parade begins at 1 pm. Fireworks at Park Village (formerly Brandon Training School). **7:30-8:30 pm.** More Info: 247-6401.
- Bristol Independence Day Parade. **Saturday, July 3. 10:30-11:30 am.** Main Street. Theme: 140th Year of Bristol Band. More Info: 453-6827.
- Warren 4th of July Parade and Celebration. **Sunday, July 4. 10 am.** Main Street/I-100. More Info: www.warren4thofjuly.com.
- Ice Cream Social in Salisbury. **Sunday, July 4. 2-5 pm.** Salisbury Congregational Church. More Info: 352-9080

Celebrate farther afield by consulting www.vtliving.com/events/4thofjuly/index.shtml.

Footloose Flashdance This Saturday

DJs Geoffrey and Kim ask that you submit song requests for Saturday's Blast From the Past: 80's Extravaganza to ehmseeescher@gmail.com. As ever, you are encouraged to don your most excellent 80's attire. Righteous.

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Events

Today:

Drop/Add Deadline

Director's Reception 5 pm

Soccer 6:45 pm

Thursday:

Madrigalists 5 pm

M. Litt. Meeting 5 pm

Ultimate 6:45 pm

Friday:

Senior Social 5 pm

Movie 9 pm

Menu

Lunch: basil pesto & salmon
over angel hair pasta; baked
portabella with smoked
gouda & red peppers

Dinner: peppered pork
tenderloin in port demi
sauce; roasted shallot taters;
sweet & sour seitan over rice

Weather

Today: pm showers 63/43

Thursday: cloudy 59/41

Weekly Meal Times

B: 7:30 L: 12:45 D: 6

Joga Bonito Com Joao Bottomley

After the stunning soccer turnout Monday, Chris and the football fanatics plan to play on a regulation field tonight. If you were part of the 11 v 11 earlier in the week or have a trick bag full of Cruyffs and Stepovers, **meet in front of the Inn between 6:45 and 7 pm tonight.** Rather join the crew down there? The fields are just past Hannaford Plaza on Creek Road. It's the first right turn after Key Bank. The game normally lasts a couple of hours or until light fades, whichever comes first.

Missing: Laura's Lower Parts

If found, please contact Laura Smith Brown, the fearless—if incomplete—leader of our Madrigalists. Bass, baritone, tenor (any countertenors out there?) parts are still in high demand. All you dulcet-toned dudes, consider the everlasting fame and prodigious goodwill generated by your participation. Plus, your dormmates are getting a *little* tired of your propensity for early morning arias in the shower. Harmonize **tomorrow afternoon at 5 pm in the Barn.**

Direct Your Path To West Lawn

Some of you have been receiving Bread Loaf notecards with very cordial invitations to something called a Director's Reception. While the use of capital letters may cause you to think this refers to Jim's touchdown catch as time expired in Super Loaf III (The Ice Bowl), it's actually a sterling opportunity to greet community members you might not see daily. Your professors normally slide by, as does a carefully chosen group of classmates, while the DA's proffer comestibles and thirst quenchers. If it's your week, see you there **today at 5 pm.**

Coffee And Cigarettes

Thanks to those good stewards among us who've been keeping the coffee (and tea) coming, even in the absence of working water in the Barn. Another thank you to those students who keep the prep area clean and tidy in the Barn. Your quiet work's not unnoticed. Hats off, finally, to smokers who have thoughtfully stayed downwind of dorm windows and have deposited butts in the plastic spindles.

How Do You Like Them Apples?

Gilmore's got a new numbah: (802) 388-1967. Don't quote Gordon Wood when you call. Will hates that move.

Cinematic Masterworks Of Pith And Consequence

Of course, we're talking *Twilight: Eclipse* and *A Very Long Engagement*. One of these films features Audrey Tautou, Jodie Foster, and battle on the Somme. The other, werewolves. Jim Maddox called one film, "a perfect movie with a perfect ending." The other movie has a young woman searching far and wide for her—maybe—dead love interest. ...now, see if you can guess who's the auteur and who likes his pop culture as saccharine as possible. *Twilight: Eclipse* will require a trip to Burlington. *A Very Long Engagement* plays in the **Barn this Friday at 9 pm.**

Privileges Of Seniority

The Class of 2010 will meet **Friday evening before dinner on the West Lawn porch.** All members of the class are invited to attend this informal gathering. Further, the seniors would love for faculty to join them any time after 5:30. Presumably, the planning for world domination and class gifts will be completed by then, opening up Christian's schedule for his Huddle impression or Lili's performance art piece about squirrels.

Inflammatory Statement

Following the claxons and alarums of Monday morning, the Inn's smoke/electrical/fire systems are getting a thorough check-up. Therefore, residents of the Inn should use the fully functioning fire alarm (not smoke alarm) on the third floor of Bloomfield (next to Room 57) in the event an alarm must be raised. Now's as good a time as ever to remind everyone: no hairdryers except in bathrooms, and please avoid using electrical devices on the Danger List. You'd rather it be a false alarm to wake you on a Monday than the real thing.

Comic By Christo

Plenty of you Loafers have artistic talents heretofore unknown. For instance, bet you didn't know Christopher Arbor writes a comic that his friend, Mike Harris, draws. This is an open call for you to share your work with the wider community. *Crumb* investigators have heard tell of faculty and students alike who shutter their sketches and photos from sight. We're particularly interested in Bread Loaf specific work. Submit a piece electronically to Hincker on Bread Net and let your love light shine.



Hey, Boo Boo, Howzabout You And Me Go Pick Up Some...

Saturday will see a return to summer temperatures (85 and sunny at last glance) just in time for the Frost Picnic. On Mountain or Off Mountain, all members of the Bread Loaf community are invited to the Homer Noble Farm **July 3 at 6 pm.** Tours of Robert Frost's Ripton home will be on offer, as will Chef Darren's delectables. A shuttle will run from the Inn or you can hoof it down 125 (against traffic, Georgia) and follow the signs.

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Events

Today:

Madrigalists 5 pm

M. Litt. Meeting 5 pm

Ultimate 6:45 pm

Gilmore 8-ish

Friday:

Senior Social 5 pm

Movie 9 pm

Saturday:

Frost Picnic 6 pm

80's Dance 9 pm

Menu

Lunch: three bean
quesadilla; shredded pork
tacos; jicama cilantro salad;
minestrone soup

Dinner: meat loaf with
chipotle sauce; steak fries;
grilled basalmic veggies &
beans over quinoa

Weather

Today: cool/pm rain? 59/45

Friday: sunnier 71/54

Weekly Meal Times

B: 7:30 L: 12:45 D: 6

We Got The Beat

The 80's dance **Friday night at 9 pm** will have plenty of beats, rhymes (& life), but only if you pop off an email to Geoffrey and Kim with your favorite tuneage. Failure to do so might mean the *Crumb* Bum's top votes will win the day: just think, two and half hours of *Axel F* going straight into Rundgren's *Bang The Drum All Day* and the outro of *Cruel Summer* as the clock hits one. Got better ideas? Send it to: ehmseescher@gmail.com.

Find a secret hiding place in your 80's garb—leg warmer, Members Only jacket, pegged jeans—for your ID. DA's can't serve you without it.

Speaking of those hardworking denizens of Treman, give them a hand by consuming only the drinks on offer in the Barn Saturday evening. Outside bottles, cans, & etc. should stay in your dorms, please.

Alecto, Megaera, Tisiphone Live And In Concert

A handful of keen-eared Loafers heard the keening last evening coming across the meadow near the Inn. Susan Colm happened to be hiking the path near the woods and thought she'd stumbled into a little "eye of newt, toe of frog" situation. Nope, those unearthly yelpings belonged to *Canis latrans*. Distinct from its Western brethren, the Eastern coyote (Ko-yo-tay, Paul?) moved into Vermont about 70 years ago. It's a bit on the large size because it bred with Canadian wolves back in the day. Our coyotes took the place of the wolf when it left Vermont's ecosystem during the Industrial Revolution. Seems wolves followed Kevin Costner out west, while *Canis latrans* picked up and left Milwaukee to settle down here. You may now resume your previously scheduled literary experience.

Choose Your Own Joke

The 32nd Annual Outhouse Races (yes, you read that correctly) take place in Bristol **Saturday at 9 am**. Somehow, the crack research team at *Crumb HQ* left this odoriferous article out of the July 4 Activity Extravaganza. The race runs right down Main Street in the village. Maybe Gilmore would consider entering, what with the septic situation from earlier this summer? Tonight's a good night for planning, seeing as how

Gilmore Guys Give Invites To All

Now that Rory and Lorelai have moved out, Big John and the Guys

hope you'll pause in your Proust perusal to make merry on a chilly summer night. A new mystery faculty reader will be on hand to present literature of dubious quality if maximal entertainment. Beverages both warm and cool can be yours, warming hands and belly in equal measure. Pull up a seat by the fire, bring a fistful of dollars (the Guys are self-funded, Stranger), and check out the uncommonly crystalline night sky.

Print Job

Come on. We all saw *Avatar*. The sheer paper output from Davison's first floor printer has the Tree of Souls groaning in chagrin. Your professor put the 75 page secondary source article in a PDF file so you could read it from your computer and not waste the paper required to print it. If it's at all possible, try to eliminate these big jobs or conduct them in a computer lab set up for such functions. Community members have already had the unfortunate privilege of watching page after page fly off the printer when they're waiting for just a single sheet. Go ahead and pay for a long article in the Apple Cellar or at the Midd Library. For all the rest, use moderation. The Na'vi send their gratitude.

Seen Yer Regalia Measurements?

Neither has the Front Desk. If you're one of the handful of '10-ers that still need to get measured for Graduation Finery, please do so ASAP. The elves that sew those things have a serious union rep who doesn't take kindly to late orders. 19th century Lowell, Mass. has nothing on the multi-national operation the Keebler Company runs. Don't delay; you might miss out.

Recovery Meeting

Anyone who wishes may attend the AA group meeting **Friday at 7 am in Barn 1**. The group will also meet **Saturday at 9 am** if Friday doesn't fit your schedule.

Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough

While MJ's cut couldn't make it into the mix for this weekend (it was '79, natch), Associate Director Emily Bartels thinks it's a fine ethos for anyone who wishes to pursue an M. Litt. degree. Seniors and others who plan ahead, attend Lady Bartels' meeting **today in the Blue Parlor at 5 pm**.

Little Greeks

It's neither Zizi the painter nor Manchester United's diminutive midfield prospect. All younger actors (think First Grade and older) should remember to meet Renee Lewin **tonight at 6:45 in the Barn**. Everyone will get to talk about the Don Zolidis play, learn more about the different roles on offer, and begin planning the performance scheduled for **July 27**.

Scholastic Detritus

Some of you just handed in a paper précis, while others get the holiday weekend to sketch out your scattered thoughts on Diaz, Dostoevsky, or Toomer. Put all those authors together and you win the kewpie doll. However, the *Crumb* wants only to see those topics that never made it from the cutting floor. Remember, **tomorrow at 10 am** is the deadline for your *Top Ten Scuttled/Thrown Out/Tossed Aside/Cast Away Essay Topics for Bread Loaf Paper #1*. Drop your entries in Mailbox 2266 or send them to Hincker on Bread Net.

Know Why They Call It A Deadline?

Fortuitously, you have nothing so severe to worry about should you miss turning over your entry for the Freeman Fiction Prize. But you can't compete this year unless you email your work by **tomorrow**. Each student may submit a single piece of no more than 10 double-spaced pages that feature 1" margins and font no smaller than 10 point. There will be a cash award. You give permission for your writing to be printed and distributed by entering the contest. Email submissions to Karen_Browne@breadnet.middlebury.edu.

Waltzing Mathilde

Nominated for two Oscars and a Golden Globe, winner of the 2005 Lumiere (for the director, not the candlestick), *A Very Long Engagement* plays **Friday at 9 pm in the Barn**. Action, love, & mystery always get me. N'est-ce pas?

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July 2, 2010

Events

Today:

Senior Social 5 pm

Movie 9 pm

Saturday:

Frost Picnic 6 pm

80's Dance 9 pm

Sunday:

Blue Parlor 7 pm

Menu

Lunch: crab cakes with
Cajun mayo; coleslaw; ziti
with ricotta & basil; Spanish
potato & onion soup

Dinner: veggie ragu over
penne pasta; Flo's chicken;
tossed salad; garlic bread

Weather

Today: sun & clouds 72/49

Saturday: sunshine 81/54

July 4: warm & sunny 85/59

Weekly Meal Times

B: 7:30 L: 12:45 D: 6

Good books, good friends,
and a sleepy conscience: this
is the ideal life. —Twain

Holla Back

Deborah Holler's been training constantly for her trek to Burlington, hiking with ankle weights, eating only raw eggs and Creatine, and meditating to bring her mind to a razor's sharpness. However, if anyone is *driving* to Burlington **today or Monday**, Deborah would be far happier to snag a ride with you. She has a quick errand to complete downtown that needs attention before close of business. She'd accept a one- or two-way trip, whichever best fits your schedule. She'll toss in some scratch for the gas and will gladly regale you with her cross-training regimen. Pop her an email at: deboraholler@web.de or on Bread Net.

Stephanie Margherio's got the same destination in mind, B'town, but hopes to find a two-way trip. Should you be traveling to the city by the lake **today**, drop her a message on Bread Net and set up a ride. If you drive anything larger than a Karmann Ghia, you might get your gas money covered AND find two scintillating travel companions...all before you even arrive at sojourn's end. It's a win-win.

Moose-managed Trip Home

Kalli and Ed saw their second moose of the summer yesterday evening driving back from Gilmore. Peter and Emily also got a great view of this bull, their first of 2010. Apparently, Kalli and Ed interrupted the creature in the middle of some personal business a few days ago, so they rescheduled their visit for a more agreeable time. Reaction from the crew: it was big. Really big. Do use caution when you're driving over hill and dale late. Anything smaller than an Abrams tank will probably lose a head to head contest with Bullwinkle.

Pick A Nick To Bring To Frost's Farm

At last check, Bread Loaf enrolled seventeen gents named Nicholas—this includes first and middle names. Your entrance to the Frost Picnic **Saturday at 6 pm** doesn't require a Nick, but it would certainly oil the gears. Nicks are great for outdoor gatherings; they're adept at lawn games, keep a red checkerboard tablecloth in their back pockets, and whip up a mean tater salad. Even without a Nick, everyone in the wider Bread Loaf community is cordially invited to Homer Noble Farm. **Tours of the Farm will begin at 5 pm. Shuttles will begin ferrying picnickers at 4:40 from the Inn. Dinner will commence at 6.** Chef Darren and his team will have grilled kielbasa, BBQ chicken, and black bean burgers for your edible edification. Fruit salad and pasta salad round out the meal.

Since it'll be a gorgeous day, you might step lightly down 125. The Farm's a half mile up Frost Road, the dirt road adjacent to the Robert Frost Wayside (not the Frost Trail, mind). Should you drive from down Mountain, you need to park at the Wayside and hoof it from there.

If You Want To Destroy My Sweater...

I'll just have to wear my 2010 Bread Loaf t-shirt. However, it's yet to be designed. That's where you can help. This is an open call to all artists and creative minds in the BL community. The Director's Assistants are now accepting designs for the summer's official commemorative garb. You may turn in your entries to Eric Eye, Renee Lewin, Georgia Summers, or the Front Desk. A panel of shrewd judges will appraise the sentimental and compositional value of each design, and then decide who shall live on through the everlasting fame granted by inanimate objects. It's better than Beowulf's Barrow and easier to launder.

Scott Service

Bread Loafers current and past are invited to Chester Scott's memorial this **Sunday between 1 and 3 pm at the Scott home**. An earlier *Crumb* incorrectly attributed the short remembrance of Mr. Scott published last summer. Victoria Brown penned the piece.

Faculty: Friday Fun At Five-Thirty?

The Senior class will hold a meeting, then a greeting, **today on the West Lawn porch**. All 2010 grads-to-be should have their measurements taken, arrive at 5, and then welcome their faculty guests at 5:30 pm.

When Daisies Pied And Violets Blue...

Surely, the Blue Parlor readings this Sunday won't feature cheatin' hearts like Billy Shake's poem does. Of course, you won't know unless you go to see what's the fuss. **Readings begin at 7**, adhere to a time-table worthy of the German transit system, and close in enough time for you to finish Jane Eyre. You might even find you'd like to read next time. Contact Christian Gregory if that's the case.

Looks Like Someone's Got A Case Of The Mondays

Avoid such a debilitating condition by planning to attend a double feature of Bread Loaf fun at the head of next week. The Scholarship Dinner and Paul Muldoon's reading will certainly eliminate any nagging nostalgia for July 4 by turning your attention toward classmates and prosody. **Dinner's at 6. Mr. Muldoon reads at 7:30 in the Barn.**

Your Essay's Not Worth The Paper Or Effort: Helpful Comments For Grading Student Compositions

Strangely, the *Crumb* Bum didn't get that paper accepted at the NCTE Convention. Your fantastic submissions for similarly misnamed and misguided essays follow. *Top Ten Scuttled Essay Topics for Bread Loaf Paper #1:*

10. Cookin' With Gas: The Life and Times of Sylvia Plath (Guys of Gilmore)
9. Mud on My Petticoat: Driving Longbourne to Ripton (Off-Campus Coalition)
8. The Bella of Amherst: Reading Dickinson in a Post-Twilight World (Boys of Barn East)
7. Clever Bread Puns: A Close Reading of the *Crumb* (BoBE)
6. DecamerOWN'd: Boccaccian Cuckoldry (GoG)
5. Ms. Understanding, George Eliot (Inngenuue)
4. Don't Drink That or You'll Wake Up Next to a Mistake: A Comparative Analysis of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* & My Freshman Year (GoG)
3. I'm Afraid of Virginia Woolf, by Tobias and Big Bad (BoBE)
2. Paradise City Lost: Re-reading Milton through the Sensibility of Axl Rose (BoBE)
1. That's What (S)he Said: Examining Viola's Rhetoric With 14 Year Olds (GoG)

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Today:

Madrigalists 5 pm

Postprandial Soccer

Muldoon Reading 7:30 pm

Tuesday:

Writing Center Group 5 pm

Softball 6:45 pm

Wednesday:

Director's Reception 5 pm

Footy After Dinner

Poe Reading 7:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: hot/honey mustard wings; fries; grilled veggies & sautéed bean medley over quinoa; potato-leek soup

Dinner: salmon with dill hollandaise sauce over wild rice; roasted shrooms, white beans, & brussel sprouts over creamy polenta

Weather

Today: pipin' hot 89/67

Tuesday: same 87/65

Wednesday: seriously? 88/64

Silver-tongued And Never Shorn

Bread Loaf's faculty reading series kicks off **tonight in the Barn at 7:30** when Paul Muldoon brings his enthralling, wryly self-conscious, often grin-inducing poetry out for a spin. Chances are good we'll hear a smattering of poems from his soon to be released Maggot, due out this autumn. Mr. Muldoon has received prizes and critical accolades by the barrelful, leading the *Irish Times* to dub him "the most dazzling poet of our time in the English language." So, he's got that going for him...which is nice. Scores of students and friends will arrive early to grab a comfy seat. You may want to mosey over there to do the same. A reception in Treman will follow the reading; everyone's invited.

Award Winning Dining Experience

While you'd be forgiven for thinking Chef Darren and the culinary wizards at his beck and call were racking up laurels tonight, **tonight's** Awards Dinner actually concerns BL's very own professors and students. Jim Maddox will emcee the event, providing the pomp for this circumstance. Named scholars and endowed faculty chairs will be announced over coffee and sweets. Watch Michael Wood order "*just desserts*" for his table while students and faculty receive theirs. It's shaping up for a fine little Monday evening, then, isn't it?

Me Write Pretty One Day

If you and Sedaris can already talk a good game, maybe now's the time to supplement your scintillating verbal acumen with a visit to Bread Loaf's Writing Center. Jen Hansum and her crew have placed Appointment Slips near the Front Desk of the Inn; look just under Burgess Meredith's picture. Simply detail the project you're concocting, drop the slip in Jen's box, then wait for a Writing Center consultant to match your free time. Most conferences last 30-45 minutes and are conversational in nature. First papers are coming...give yourself all the resources to do it up right.

Bread Loaf's Got Talent

Open up that bag o'tricks. The Bread Loaf Coffeehouse runs **this Friday at 9 pm**. Stand up comedy, soulful strumming, juggling monks, and competitive eating have all numbered among the acts in recent memory. Hosted by Tex Tourais and Chris Bottomley, the 2010 Coffeehouse promises to dust earlier incarnations of the event.

The *Crumb* has early recon that suggests an exciting slate, but you've still got time to sign up. Look for that sheet on the bulletin board outside the Dining Hall. Don't hide that thing under a bushel. C'mon and share it.

The Visionary Company

The sounds of charcoal on paper, stippling on canvas, and—in my case—watercolor painting by number might've deafened you yesterday evening. Naturally, these all portend fabulous designs for the 2010 Bread Loaf T-Shirt. Take a break from post-lapsarian fruit motifs in the work of Eric Carle and capture the brilliance of this BL summer on 100% cotton. Submit designs to any of the Director's Assistants or the Front Desk.

Clay Court Champions

Think you can join the fabled ranks? Want a chance to rip an ace past Ed "Rangier Than He Looks" Brown? You have your opportunity. WimbleLoaf sign ups close **tomorrow**. Assign yourself a skill ranking—Better Than You Are, Dude ain't one of the choices—and wait to see who you'll get in the draw. Tournament managers promise to keep matches just under the Isner/Mahut mark, so stop by the courts near Davison Library to take in some mercifully shorter tennis.

You Say Syphilis, I Say Encephalitis...Potayto, Potahto, Tomayto, Tomahto...

Veiled in mystery, the circumstances of Edgar Allan Poe's final days and demise continue to intrigue. Trinity Rep and Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble member Stephen Thorne will present his new play, *The Completely Fictional-Utterly True-Final Strange Tale of Edgar Allan Poe*, **this Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Little Theater**. Acting Ensemble members will perform this staged reading of Stephen's work that will make its debut later this fall in Providence.

O Captain, My Captain

Ms. Jenny Fry, a placement representative from Carney, Sandoe, and Associates will spend **Thursday** on campus. CS&A is a premier private, independent school placement agency and shares a long history with Bread Loaf students and teachers. If you're looking to make a teaching move or wish to assess your options with respect to the same, sign up for a thirty minute conference with Ms. Fry on the sheet just outside the Bread Loaf offices. Conferences will meet in the Blue Parlor. An up to date resume will certainly help, but isn't required.

Through A Glass (Very) Darkly

In fact, Nico can't seem to find her digital camera anywhere. She knows she set it down in the Barn Saturday night to cut a rug, but hasn't been able to locate it since. If all the photos on your camera feature moments you don't remember and faces you don't recognize, you either had a *great* 80's dance or inadvertently snagged Nico's stuff. Drop it by the Front Desk should you run into a forlorn digicam.

Listing Hard To Starboard

The *Crumb* Bum saw enough salty entries in last week's Top Ten contest to wonder if some Loafers spend extra time at houses of worship to square their balance sheet with the Big Guy. Keep 'em coming. We've all run out of wood in the Barn on a cold, rainy evening, needed techno-help when a twenty pager's due in twenty minutes, or wondered exactly how to achieve maximally heated water when it's time to scrub in the shower. Years ago, a top secret genetic experiment undertaken at the behest of (then) Colonel Maddox produced a new breed of Bread Loaf super soldier. Dr. Emily "This Won't Hurt A Bit" Bartels oversaw the formation of this elite cadre of men and women tasked with policing all buildings cream and green in hue. What inestimable powers, what prodigious abilities can these X-Loafers claim? Friday's *Top Ten Bread Loaf Superheroes* will answer these and other questions. Submit entries to Hincker on Bread Net or drop a note in mailbox 2266. All dorms, independent alliances, staff, and solo operators are welcome to play. **Updated standings:** Boys of Barn East, 8; Guys of Gilmore, 5; Men of Annex, 3; Anonymous, 2; Innogue and Off-Campus Coalition, 1.

Jack Hanna's Dream

Drop a quick note about your wildlife sightings to *Crumb* HQ. Tomorrow will feature an extensive write-up featuring a panoply of critters and varmints observed over the holiday weekend.

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Today:

Softball 6:45 pm

Writing Center Group 7 pm

Iliad Play Rehearsal 7 pm

Wednesday:

Director's Reception 5 pm

Footy After Dinner

Poe Reading 7:30 pm

Thursday:

Andover BL Arrives

Madrigalists 5 pm

BLTN Meeting 7 pm

Gilmore Dusk

Menu

Lunch: bacon mac n' cheese;
wilted spinach/roasted red
peppers; garden tomato soup

Dinner: roast beef w/ salsa;
veggie paella; sautéed
summer veggies

Weather

Today: record setting 87/64

Wednesday: oy 90/67

Thursday: vey 88/65

Friends, Romans, Countrymen...

Andover Bread Loaf is a non-profit organization on the Phillips Academy campus in Andover, MA, a joint venture (now in its 23rd year) between Phillips Academy, a private college preparatory high school, and the Bread Loaf School of English. ABL's mission is to collaborate with activist teachers, students, and community organization staff from underserved communities to transform teaching and schools. ABL is an important hub of the international Bread Loaf Teacher Network, having co-sponsored ABL/BLTN conferences in Karachi, Dar-es-Salaam, and Nairobi. Conferences are planned for Mumbai and Capetown. Several ABL members are studying at Bread Loaf campuses this summer. Read more about ABL on the Bread Loaf website (<http://www.middlebury.edu/blse/academics/ablww>)

Please welcome ABL to Bread Loaf July 8-9 and join the entire community on **Thursday, July 8, 7-9 pm, in Barn 1** for presentations about ABL/BLTN in Lawrence, MA, New Orleans, Karachi, and Nairobi. All members of the Bread Loaf community are cordially invited to join the Bread Loaf Teacher Network, which will meet **Thursday, July 22, 7-8:30 pm**. All welcome.

Maravich Scores!

Craig Maravich makes his BL debut this summer as the newest member of the Bread Loaf Acting Company. Born in NYC, raised in Connecticut, Craig benefited from early and repeated family excursions into the City where he took in theater, symphony, ballet, and musical performances manifold and formative. Since his mother danced professionally and taught piano throughout his childhood, Craig came to his artistic chops both genetically and osmotically. That's nature *and* nurture, Dr. Galton. After breakout performances during his undergraduate years at George Washington, Craig began acting full time in D.C. and, later, NYC. After eight years playing in O'Neill, Shakespeare, and Lucas works, our intrepid redbear took a hiatus from acting. Following a move to Burlington and a five year spell working in health care, Craig renewed his interest in the craft (Ed.: not The Craft; the coven was already formed). Centering his work—both on stage and in his teaching role at UVM—around the contributions an artist makes to his community, Craig arrives on the Mountain with deep expertise and a service-oriented ethos. Stop him to introduce yourself and ask about his sharp-shooting cousin.

She'd Give The Shirt Off Her Back

That sort of altruism's not necessary (though it might be cooler in this heat) in order to demonstrate your Bread Loaf *amor*. Instead, sketch, paint, draw, or draft your own design for the 2010 BL T-shirt. Submit 'em to the Front Desk or a Director's Assistant. Slip a Benjamin in there for extra judicious weight, know what I mean?

Writing Central To Schools' Missions

Jen Hansum welcomes all interested students and faculty to tonight's Writing Center discussion that will focus upon the PR side of Writing Centers in schools. Any publicity materials, mission statements, articles relating to peer review would be most helpful to bring. See you in the **Blue Parlor at 7 pm**.

Remember The One About A Dog Sitter That Crushed The Pekingese?

Should you wish to perform your task with better results, you have two options. Kyra Fries needs a dog sitter **this Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11**. Her golden retriever/border collie mix loves company and wants you to come stay at their cabin near the Ripton Country Store. An offer of wheels for the weekend might sweeten the deal. 2009 BL alum Courtney Giknis hopes someone will watch her Jack Russell terrier **July 21—July 24**. He's great with kids and other dogs (not so much with the cats, though) and stays on a leash or in a fenced yard. Contact her over Bread Net or courtneygiknis@gmail.com.

Sweet Relief

After you put that fork down slowly and answer your tablemate's hysterical reprise of that comedy gem with "yeah, it really IS hot enough for me, you sorry son*&^@#," consider getting away from the solar flares centered over Ripton. Escape to one of the many swimmin' holes scattered around us, Victoria Williams blaring on the stereo, and cool off. **Lake Dunmore's** just down 125 W (toward Midd), then a left on Upper Plains Rd., then left on SR-53/Lake Dunmore Road. **The Gorge** has swimming and jumping spots right at the base of 125 W in East Midd. Park your car near the bridge and follow the crowd—I had not thought heat had undone so many.... Just up 125 E from campus, **Goshen Dam** (a.k.a. Sugar Hill Reservoir, but what you read is not a test...) lies at the end of Schoolhouse Rd, a right from 125 E; park near the brown sign and hike ¼ mile or so to reach it. Try the stretch of river near **Tin City** (Bristol, really) on 116. Take the right turn at the stop sign/gas station/post office in East Midd (that's 116), then follow until you arrive near the bridge in Bristol. If you want to leap into **Warren Falls** (a natural waterpark, according to locals), take 125 E to 100 N. Follow 100 for 14 miles, try to park near the Forest Service gate, then take the path to icy, icy goodness. Closer to home, remember **Lake Pleiad's** trailhead begins just past the Snow Bowl on 125 E. Our own stretch of rivah awaits those who traipse through the meadow across from the Inn and follow the paths down to water. And finally (thank you again, John McCardell), **John's Pond** sits right behind the Barn. Take your book, listen for the dinner bell, and soak up the rays.

Animal House

The Wildlife Investigative Unit here at *Crumb* HQ has turned up exceedingly numerous fauna sightings in the last few days. Some ended better than others. Robert and Michele Stepto saw the first bear of the summer two miles up the Gilmore road Saturday evening. After demanding an autograph for A Home Elsewhere, the ursine reader allowed the Steptos to continue home. Earthworm Manor was the site of not one, but a double moose sighting; Jim's got Jedi mind control over *Alces Alces*, it seems. Ed Brown saw a fast-ish brown fox engaging in leaps over lazy dogs during the holiday weekend. Renee Lewin observed two nudists in the wild, swimming and hiking around Pleiad. After following them all the way to their car, Renee saw these strange woodland creatures clothe themselves and adopt the mien of normal humans. Kinda like werewolves. Yet, it is to Gilmore we must return for the final chapter in Varmint Review. Hard on the heels of BL's first ever squirrel-icide, the Guys found frog, bird, and snake remains scattered around their yard. Someone's trying to send a message, though the Guys have one of their own:

"The Gilmore Squirrel, also known as my Squirrel-Friend, passed away early Sunday morning after falling into a bucket of ice water. Our relationship began earlier that week when I awoke to her caressing my head with a series of scratches. We spent a few seconds getting to know each other (which would be several hours in squirrel-time) and I found her to be humble, kind, and shy, not to mention terrified and extremely fast.

Things took a turn for the worse on Saturday evening, when, after watching everyone depart for the 80's Dance, Squirrel-Friend became quite depressed and began gnawing on prescription drugs she had stored away in a tree and drinking liberally from the keg on the Gilmore porch. It was during one of these drinks that Squirrel-Friend slipped and fell into the bucket of ice water and met her demise.

Calling hours will be this Thursday at Gilmore, starting at 8pm. All proceeds from that night's event will go to a charity that seeks to improve water bucket awareness in the squirrel community. There will be no viewing, as Squirrel-Friend's body has already been disposed of in the woods across the street, as stipulated in her will. But know this: we shall not fail or falter, we shall not weaken or tire. Gilmore wildlife will not be cast down. What is the use of living, if it be not to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better place for those who will live in it after we are gone? We shall defend our mountain home, whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches. We shall fight on the landing grounds. We shall fight in the fields and in the streets. We shall fight in the hills. We shall never surrender."

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Today:

Director's Reception 5 pm

Footy After Dinner

Poe Reading 7:30 pm

Thursday:

Andover BL Visit

Madrigalists 5 pm

ABL/BLTN Meeting 7 pm

Gilmore Dusk

Menu

Lunch: bacon mac n' cheese;
wilted spinach/roasted red
peppers; garden tomato soup

Dinner: chicken or
mushroom forestier with
carmelized onions, peppers,
and spinach

Weather

Today: think snow! 39/16

Thursday: pm storms 91/65

Friday: install AC 90/66

Unhelpful Words

Write while the heat is in
you. -H.D. Thoreau

Another Loaf To Love

Andover Bread Loaf arrives tomorrow. Join the entire community on **Thursday, July 8, 7-9 pm, in Barn 1** for presentations about ABL/BLTN in Lawrence, MA, New Orleans, Karachi, and Nairobi. All members of the Bread Loaf community are cordially invited to join the Bread Loaf Teacher Network, which will meet **Thursday, July 22, 7-8:30 pm**. All welcome. Read more about ABL on the Bread Loaf website: (<http://www.middlebury.edu/blse/academics/ablww>)

'Allo, Tim

Please welcome Tim Dorsey (BL '97) to campus July 8-10. Tim is a Program Officer at the Open Society Institute, a philanthropic foundation based in New York City. He has formerly taught English at the Navajo Preparatory School in Farmington, New Mexico; served as Managing Director of the Educational Video Center (EVC), a NYC-based youth media organization; and directed the Youth Media Learning Network, which has been a partner to Bread Loaf/VT in bringing documentary video production institutes to campus in recent summers. He was also Prom Queen of his graduating BL class.

Bread Loaf Archeologists Search For Java Man...and Woman

With the BL Coffeehouse still a few days away, you may be planning to perform and simply haven't made it official. Go ahead and put your John Hancock on the sign-up sheet so Tex and Chris can begin the extensive research necessary to give you a proper introduction. Make sure to shred your tax records. In years past, the Coffeehouse has featured piano sonatas, extreme eating, soccer juggling, Stupid Human Tricks, and Gregory Hines tap dancing in time to John Cage's 4'33". Take your place among that pantheon, Percy Jackson.

I'm Done Acting. What I Really Want Is To Direct

There's a new sheriff in town. Since Jim left this morning to visit the Santa Fe campus, a fiat transferring executive power has gone into effect. Under orders from Her Supreme Fantasticality, Lady Bartels, I am compelled to inform you that any students who miss **today's Director's Reception at 5 pm on the West Lawn** risk grave injury and furious retribution. Furthermore, all students who have names ending in -zshpq should report for Palm Frond Flapping Duty at 4:45. Em...er, The Brilliance and Might That Has Taken Human Form doesn't like to sweat...er, mist on warm days. While Lady Bartels stays cool and dry, the rest of us can speak quietly and share a drink.

Virginia Gambler Writes Some Stuff, Drinks Some Stuff, Marries His Cousin, And Dies Alone

...but the play's much brighter. Be sure to toss aside your Tolstoy and jettison your Joyce at **7:30 tonight**. That's when Stephen Thorne and the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble will present a staged reading of *The Completely Fictional-Utterly True-Final Strange Tale of Edgar Allan Poe in the Little Theater*. TCFUTFSTOEAP should entertain, and the Intermission Treat will satisfy. Catch Stephen's play before it opens in Providence with Trinity Rep, then you can breezily mention to all your friends back home how you were *there* when it all went down.

Pets In Love With Doggerel Verse

Courtney and Kyra both swear their pooches have performed *tenzoni* on command and spat battle rhymes that made Busta cry. Surely, you can't turn down an opportunity to trade Thomas Nashe chestnuts with these canines. Kyra Fries needs a dog sitter **this Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11**. Her golden retriever/border collie mix will hike or swim with you, or he can be just as happy lying low in their cabin near the Ripton Country Store. 2009 BL alum Courtney Giknis hopes someone will watch her Jack Russell terrier **July 21—July 24**. Both pets are great with kids and other dogs. Contact either lady over Bread Net or Courtney at: courtneygiknis@gmail.com.

Recovery Group Meeting

All those interested in holding/attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings this summer should stop by the **West Lawn Porch at 1:30 pm today**. If you can't make it right after lunch this afternoon, drop a note in mailbox 2257 indicating your interest and preferred meeting times.

Wesleyan Band's Second Album

Doff a cap to these 2010 Award Winners, listed in the order Jim introduced them:

Reginald and Juanita Cook Scholar	Nicole Applebaum
Wylie and Lucy Sypher Scholar	Paige Arnell
Lawrence Holland Scholars	Erin Kinnens & Lena Tashjian
Charles Orr Scholar	Dan St. Jean
Tim Miller Scholar	Aleah Dacey
Jim Andreas Scholar	Tom Truelove
Elizabeth Bailey Award	Debbie Alcorn
Elizabeth Bailey Scholar	Melvina Weaver
Kathleen Downey Scholar	Molly Clarkson
Hazel Haseltine Adkins Scholar	Lydia Traill
Brent Goeres Scholar	Sarah Grenert
Rocky Gooch Scholar	Matt Peterson
Raymond Waldron Scholar	Lili Zimmet
Beth Cubeta Scholar	Jonathan Coppadge
Robert Frost Professor	Jacques Lezra
Frank and Eleanor Griffiths Professor	Michael Wood
Ruth and Lillian Marino Professor	Susanne Wofford

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Gilmore Dusk

Friday:

Post-lunch hoops

Coffeehouse 9 pm

Menu

Lunch: roasted apple, swiss, onion, & arugula sandwich on cinnamon raisin bread; turkey reuben on focaccia

Dinner: maple-chipotle pepper pork; gruyere scalloped taters; barley risotto cakes with tomato-raisin chutney

Weather

Today: pm showers? 87/65

Friday: t'storms 85/63

Then: balm in Gilead 74/59

Unhelpful Words

This is the voice of high midsummer's heat. —C.G.D. Roberts

Hitsville, U.S.A.

Since it'll be blissfully cooler **Saturday evening**, make plans to shake your moneymaker at this weekend's **Motown Dance, 9-1 in the Barn**. Your erstwhile DJ's, Geoffrey and Kim, will gladly take song recommendations if you give them a heads up over email: ehmseesch@icloud.com. Dressing the part is half the fun, so turn out looking like you could rub shoulders with Stevie, Diana, Smokey, or Marvin. Don't forget to slip your ID in a pocket before you strut over, and please keep glass and aluminum on your dorm porches.

Believe It Or Not, I'm Walking On Air...

Copious thanks and back slapping goes out to the *dozens* of you who channeled Whitman last evening to help Mike Curran find his wedding band on the softball field. Nate Cutting and Annie Hartnett receive True Bread Loavian Hero Awards—Nate for organizing the von Schlieffen Pincer Sweep and Frodo Annie for spying the ring and setting the realm (or at least Mike's weekend visit home) back in order. The selfless volunteerism and celebratory cheers, not to mention the positive outcome, are what the Mountain's all about.

List, List, O List!

While we're on the subject, take a second and jot down your own Bread Loaf Superhero ideas for tomorrow's Top Ten. Men of Annex have promised a return to the competition after a paper-induced hiatus, while the Larch Ladies and Tamarack Titans look to break their collective duck.

Take The Commuter Train

The Coalition of Off-campus Mad Middleburians United To Explore Relentless Socializing (otherwise know as C.O.M.M.U.T.E.R.S.) invites all who brave the cement clouds of Rte. 125 to our first inaugural meeting at **Two Brothers Tavern this Friday at 7 p.m.**, or however quickly you can get through traffic. Items on the agenda include hanging out, chilling, tips to power wash your muffler, shooting the breeze, and idle chit-chat. Send us a note if you can make it by e-mailing Nathan Fisher or Robert Rivas through Bread Net.

Stuck Inside Of B'town With Those Memphis Blues Again

Jenny Gellhorn's looking for a ride back to the Mountain after dropping her car in Burlington **Saturday morning**. She's happy to meet you there early or late. Find her on Bread Net to form a plan.

Advice From Nelly When It Gets Hot In Here

Frankly, I'll take my cues from slightly more qualified public health sources. Vermont Department of Health has issued an "extreme heat and air quality alert." This heat's no joke should you fail to look after yourself or one another. Therefore, avoid prolonged outdoor activities, drink **massive amounts** of *agua*, wear lightweight clothing (linen's the secret weapon of we Southerners) and try to stay in shady spots. It's best to skip all organized athletics until Saturday. If you're planning a hike or a run, get it in around dawn. Those folks with respiratory issues ought to make every effort to stay indoors. If you, or someone you know, experiences any of the symptoms of heat-related illness—dizziness, cramps, headaches, muscle weakness—treat it with all seriousness. Should someone become disoriented, nauseous, stop sweating, or see an increased pulse rate, it's emergency time; those symptoms suggest heat stroke. Have someone call the Front Desk (x2700) and 911, while you cool the body. Cool showers, compresses, and certainly fans will all help accomplish that task. As ever, fluids and cool, dry places are the best forms of prevention.

Outside Of A Dog, A Book Is A Man's Best Friend...

Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read. Groucho wants to be sure that Courtney and Kyra have someone to watch over their canine companions. Thus: Kyra Fries needs a dog sitter **this Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11**. 2009 BL alum Courtney Giknis hopes someone will hang with her Jack Russell terrier **July 21—July 24**. Both pets are great with kids and other dogs. Contact either lady over Bread Net or Courtney at: courtneygiknis@gmail.com.

Break The Circle Of Your Mind

It's Thursday and, accordingly, the Guys of Gilmore invite each and every one of you in BL-land to their weekly soiree in the woods. Man (and Woman, Valdemar) can't work all day and all night long. Take a load off after you're all cleaned up and your chores are all done because Gilmore has engineered another evening of raillery and diversion. The Mystery Reader has polished up a piece, while the strains of unearthly music can be heard wafting ever closer through the trees... Pop a few bucks in your pocket to help the Guys offset the beverage bill; it's the right thing to do. Before you get there, be sure to

Introduce Yourself To Andover Bread Loaf Visitors, Then Attend Tonight's ABL/BLTN Meeting

Check It Out: Vintage Threads!

Do we have a deal for you! The Bread Loaf office is selling a few items left over from last summer's reunion: beautiful canvas tote bags designed by Marge Droge (\$10); celadon XXL t-shirts designed by MacNair Randall (\$7); and some 1994 reunion shirts (\$5, available in L and XXL) designed by our very own Elaine Lathrop. Stop by the Bread Loaf office to take a look—while they last.

Countin' The Days 'Til Friday Night, That's When All The Conditions Are Right

Before you experience the **Coffeehouse tomorrow night at 9 pm**, you might want to check out the Second Annual Poetry-palooza sponsored by the Vermont Book Shop. Located at 38 Main Street in Midd, VBS will offer 15% off all poetry books today and tomorrow. The Poetry-palooza event includes local poets Dave Weinstock, Mary Pratt, and Jennifer Bates reading from **6:30-7 pm**. Then, the **Bread Loaf Three**—Michael Collier, BL Writer's Conference Director, David Huddle, and Paul Muldoon—**take the stage from 7 until 8 pm**. You'll have plenty of time to drive back up the Mountain and perform—or applaud—at the Coffeehouse. Spots on the performance docket are still available for the talented and brave.

Swimmer's Itch

That's how Nathan Johnson describes the feeling he gets listening to me tell stories of the good ol' days ripping off 500 Frees and crushing the 200 IM. 16:35 is a good time for either of those races, *verdad?* However, if you never had crackly, greenish hair from adventures in the natatorium, Swimmer's Itch might be the rash you contract from swimming in John's Pond. Sorry, gang, but **the Pond's closed until further notice**. Victoria Brown has posted all the information you need about the Itch (7 Year or Swimmer's) and the Heat (Miami, Kilmer's, or the +90 temps) on the easel near the Front Desk. Refer to Tuesday's *Crumb* in the CyberBarn or CyberCrumb folders on Bread Net to find parasite-free water that'll ease your feverish limbs.

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Events

Today:

Post-lunch hoops

~~Coffeehouse~~ Movie 9 pm

Saturday:

Dance 9 pm

Sunday:

Blue Parlor 7 pm

Menu

Lunch: pepperoni, salami, &
cappicola pizza; tomato,
mozzarella, & basil pizza

Bloom's Dinner: corned beef;
red potatoes; cabbage;
bean/artichoke gratin

Weather

Today: pm rain 82/65

Saturday: showery 71/61

Sunday: cloudy 73/57

Let the rain kiss you.
Let the rain beat upon your head
with silver liquid drops.
Let the rain sing you a lullaby.
The rain makes still pools on the
sidewalk.
The rain makes running pools in the
gutter.
The rain plays a little sleep song on
our roof at night.
And I love the rain.

—Langston Hughes—

Vital Victuals Variation

Hear ye, hear ye: **Sunday meal times will change, beginning this weekend.** The kitchen will serve two meals. Enjoy a **continental breakfast between 8 and 9:30 am.** Or devour the **brunch between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.** Brunch will include both light and heavy meal options. The weekend morning meals will still be buffet style.

Coffee's Gone? Do The Right Thing...

Thought it would be a message about brewing up some joe between morning classes? Negative, ghost rider. The **Coffeehouse has been postponed until July 23.** Lady Bartels needs yet more time to work on her knife throwing act; it appears the last few rehearsals with the DA's went...poorly. In other news, if you see Eric Eye let him know the best recourse for multiple puncture wounds. All the rest of you can take the extra two weeks to hone your own creative ideas and then sign up en masse. Instead of the Coffeehouse tonight, you can cool your heels **in the Barn and watch a Spike Lee joint, *Do the Right Thing*, at 9 pm.** Now that we've just survived one ourselves, check what the residents in Bed-Stuy are up to on the hottest day of the year.

Shirtainly I Have More Time?!

Like the Olympics, LeBronomania, and, yes, even the World Cup, all competitions must come to an end. Thus, the DA's send word that the **2010 BL T-shirt Design Open Call will officially end Sunday evening.** Please offer your final submissions for the school-wide shirt at the Front Desk.

Dance Dance Revolution

After being ushered into the *Crumb's* Global Music Headquarters to sign a multi-record deal, DJ's Geoffrey and Kim asked that it be made plain: while they love Motown like I love Motown, four straight hours of Motown might be enough to wanna leave town. Therefore, know that **Saturday's dance at 9 pm** will include your favorite Motor City hits, but will also feature groove-laying gems from plenty other genres as well. Come prepared to shake it like a Polaroid picture, be it Gaye or Gaga roaring from the speakers.

Faculty Regalia

Any faculty member who needs to be fitted for new or replacement Graduation wear should contact Georgia Summers at the Front Desk.

Good Finds For A Good Cause

Some of you will remember Joe McVeigh who taught at BL Alaska a handful of years ago. As he's now based here in Midd, Mr. McVeigh sends this enticing morsel of local interest: "Don't miss **Peasant Market on the green in downtown Middlebury, Saturday, July 10th from 9 am-2 pm**. An amazing used book sale with thousands of volumes (come early before Dixie Goswami snatches up all the good titles), yard-sale priced used clothing, items to make that home away from home a bit homier, antiques, home-made pies, jewelry, puzzles & games, and a raffle for a hand-crafted canoe! Rain or shine! (hint: the books are inside the church, up the stairs) All proceeds benefit local social-service agencies."

Road Warriors

- 1) Jenny Gellhorn's looking for a ride back to the Mountain after dropping her car in Burlington **Saturday morning**. She'll happily adjust to your schedule if you hit her up on Bread Net and form a plan.
- 2) Due to the expected deluge in the higher elevations, the National Weather Service has issued a **Flash Flood Watch from 8 pm tonight through 2 pm Sunday**. Please drive extra carefully on the pseudo-road that is Route 125. The thing *did* wash out year before last.
- 3) C.O.M.M.U.T.E.R.S. invite all comers to their Inaugural Meeting at **Two Brothers Tavern tonight at 7 pm**. Send a quick message to Robert Rivas or Nate Fisher so they can give an accurate head count.
- 4) Even if there have been few announcements recently, even if you work on Waitstaff, even if you're just going to be 30 minutes, even if you're a Senior, please park your car in the Barn lot and not on 125.

Doughboys On The Green

When he's not leading students through African-American lit, Professor Will Nash kills it on bass. Will and Middlebury's premier funky faculty rock band, The Doughboys, take the stage **Monday night, July 12, at 8:30 pm** as part of Midd's 32nd Festival on the Green. Will promises "a mix of original pop-rock tunes, some R&B, and other covers." There's a huge slate of music set to begin Sunday evening; a special trip to see Will and the Boys is certainly in order. Perhaps you'd go down after Jonathan Strong's reading at 7:30 in the Barn?

Pickin' and Grinnin' in Brandon

Looking to get your festive music fix? Make certain to check out the massive lineup of bluegrass music on offer in Brandon this weekend. A full schedule's posted at the Front Desk.

Holding Out For A Hero

Some might nominate Wednesday's Popsicle Provider, the entire Waitstaff for serving the last few days, or Annie Hartnett and Nate Cutting; however, here are your *Top Ten Bread Loaf Superheroes*:

- 10) The Rambler—manipulates time to make a five minute class comment feel like four hours (Men of Annex)
- 9) Temperate Temptress—lures in baddies with cones...of cool climate (Off-Campus Coalition)
- 8) Mosquito-Man—with great itching comes great irritability (Director's Assistants)
- 7) Deconstruction Diva—channels Derrida while hitting the high notes for the Madrigalists (OCC)
- 6) The Grandiloquent Hulk—saving your class from pretentious vocabulary (DA)
- 5) The League of Extraordinary Professors (Boys of Barn East)
- 4) Chiasmus Comma Cat—claws at the end of her paws and pause at the end of her clause (BOBE)
- 3) Thirsty Croft, Porch Raider—wandering campus aimlessly until cocktail hour (DA)
- 2) The Squeaky Mattress Twins—keeping you awake every Thursday night (BOBE)
- 1) The Ghost—rendered invisible by cosmic rays in Davison and rumored to have completed all of Wofford's supplementary reading (MOA)

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Senior Social	5 pm
Madrigalists	5 pm
Soccer	7 pm
Strong Reading	7:30 pm

Tuesday:

Softball	7 pm
Writing Center Group	7 pm
IB Meeting	7:15 pm
<i>Earthlings</i> Movie	7:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: shrimp in cilantro sauce; Oaxacan rice & beans; gazpacho

Dinner: beer braised pork; roasted shallot mashed taters; pepper jack penne with peppers & roasted corn

Weather

Today: mainly sun 85/62

Tuesday: on/off storms 77/63

In certain kinds of writing, particularly art criticism and literary criticism, it is normal to come across long passages which are almost completely lacking in meaning. — Orwell—

Strong Move

Jonathan Strong continues the faculty reading series **tonight at 7:30 pm in the Barn**. Author of eleven works of published fiction, Professor Strong has also written four libretti to complement his prose oeuvre. A long-time member of the Tufts English Department, his other teaching positions have included Wellesley, UMass: Amherst, and Harvard. Consolation, Mr. Strong's latest effort, debuted only four months ago to the excitement of his always fervent fan base. Stop by tonight to hear a steady-rolling narrative master at the top of his game.

Nash Bridges Gap Between Genres

Middlebury's Festival on the Green gets a lil' funky tonight when Professor Will Nash and the Doughboys lay it down. Described by Ozzy Osbourne as "one of my principal musical inspirations," the Doughboys had to turn down Celine Dion and Englebert Humperdinck who wanted them to open on their joint summer tour. Kenny G listed Nash's bass playing as "reason number one why I wanted to become a musician." **The Doughboys' set begins at 8:30 pm** on the Midd Green, but the massive stage set up (think U2 Pop) will take most of the day and the groupies always get the best seats up front. Best to arrive a bit on the early side, wander the street fair, and then hope to catch Will's pick when he throws it into the audience after the encore.

T-Shirt Suffrage

Una camiseta, uno voto, they cried. Ever the populists, the DA's have posted the four finalists' designs for the 2010 BL T-Shirt on the bulletin board outside the Dining Hall. Please take a gander before you grab your gazpacho, then vote or die! Send a quick email over Bread Net to Eye, Summers, or Lewin and let your voice be heard. The DA's wish to thank all those who submitted entries. The winnowing was as difficult as it's ever been. The *Crumb* Bum, for one, had his eye on the chimney looking for white smoke *all night*. And hey, look, we got all the way through a voting notice without any jokes related to Gore v. Bush 2000, hanging chads, or Ohio's Diebold machines. Ain't democracy grand?

Fifth-year Fiesta At Fruited Dorm

Seniors will fraternize (and sororize, Valdemar) **today at 5 pm on the porch of Cherry**. Ya'll come on now, y'hear? If you see Charles "I am a golden god" Temple attempting to climb on the roof, lure him down with soothing words and a handful of Slim Jims or tell him Skullflesh has a gig in five minutes, whatever works. Just don't mention bocce, which leads us to...

Summer Bocce-nalia

While the Grand Potentate and his illustrious partner, TT, took an early trip to the showers this year, the 2010 Bread Loaf Bocce Tournament now enters its second round. Check the Dining Hall bulletin board to see who's playing in the Sweet Sixteen. Like a Coach K team, Kalli and Ed's The Clinic got tons of early laudatory press, then came up short to a mid-major darkhorse. Their vanquishers, the Split Infinitives, have made a serious early case for classiest win of the tournament. Will Matty and Jesse continue their domination of the Post-Structuralist region? They've already stamped their passes to the Elite Eight. Debocery has a strangehold on best team name and, perhaps, the entire New Critic region. And what's to come from the New Historicist region where Max and Ben make everyone nervous like Ahnuld when the silver Terminator showed up? It's all to be decided. Stay tuned, or just look out a window after to dinner, to watch greatness on the greens.

Greetings, Earthlings

Sabina Omerhodzic will screen *Earthlings* Tuesday at 7:30 in Barn 1. The feature length documentary concerns animal rights, speciesism, and mindful sustainability. Narrated by Joaquin Phoenix (acting seriously for once) and featuring a score by Moby, this flick is the one that Pete Singer wants everyone to see.

"2BIB Or Not 2BIB?" Asked R2D2 While MGMT Played AC/DC Covers

Molly Clarkson, who's got mad cred because she trains International Baccalaureate teachers throughout the year, will run an informational meeting tomorrow at 7:15 in Barn A on all aspects of the program. Whether you're interested in PYP, MYP, or the Diploma Program—to say nothing of the PYT in your Sabin class—Molly can answer your questions and point you toward the resources you need. If you're an old IB pro, a teacher new to IB, or someone intrigued by the idea of adding initials to your curriculum, then come by and listen. Email Molly on Bread Net if you need more info between then and now.

Do The Right Thing

Hope you liked Spike Lee's piece last Friday in the Barn. Here are some other ways to live the title's ethos:

- 1) If you're entertaining guests for a visit to the Mountain, kindly ask them to take lodgings in town. The dorms aren't designed, nor do they meet fire code, for four-in-a-room sleepovers. The Summer Information sheet on the BL website and the Front Desk staff can suggest many fine hotels and B&B's around the area.
- 2) When you show your friends/family/colleagues/random guy you met at the Dog House last night around the Dining Hall, please be certain to buy a meal ticket at the Front Desk first.
- 3) See how there aren't any parking spaces lined on the side of Route 125? That's because NO ONE parks on 125 unless you've repeatedly ignored multiple cordial admonishments, gentle suggestions, and outright zingers. When you pull into the gravel and put it in Park, you're kinda thumbing it at everyone else. Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?

Wanna Lose Your Kid?

It'll only be for one night during the *Mad Forest* run, but the folks at Croutons are hoping to schedule a babysitting evening for parents already in the program to drop off the young 'uns. Choose a night you'd like this pay service next time you're down in Ripton.

Wanna Find Dave's Notes?

Contact David Wandera if you uncover a black notebook containing a summer's worth of notes from Hip Hop and Youth Culture and Storytelling classes. It's a wire-bound spiral book. He's wiry and spiraling out of control.

Muchas Muchas Gracias, Muchachas

The entire staff at *Crumb* HQ wishes to thank MacNair Randall and Rachel Wortman for their extensive help and retreading advice for future publications. It turns out just hitting Return and typing stuff isn't much of a formatting model. You ladies rock.

Eres Listo?

Updated Top Ten standings: BOBE, 11; MOA, 5; GOG, 5; OCC, 3; DA, 3; A, 2; I, 1. Some of you have looked a little harried as the Long Weekend Break comes closer and closer. Papers are due and you still need to prep for class; it can all get a little stressful. Last thing you need is That One (aka The Rambler) raising a hand in class for another self-congratulatory comment. Blow off steam by submitting to the List this week. Remember, there's no *Crumb* this Friday and thus, you'll need to work quickly to get your *Top Ten Ways to Quiet The Loquacious One in Class* to Hincker at Bread Net by Thursday at 10 am.

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Events

Today:

Softball 7 pm

Writing Center Group 7 pm

IB Meeting 7:15 pm

Earthlings Movie 7:30 pm

Wednesday:

Director's Reception 5 pm

Soccer 7 pm

Teaching Film Group 7 pm

Menu

Lunch: chicken or chickpea
lime tahini over jasmine rice;
lentil veggie soup

Dinner: fish tacos with
pineapple salsa; fried green
tomatoes with cheddar &
roasted garlic aioli;

Weather

Today: cloudy & moist 75/63

Wednesday: humid 77/63

*You can tell whether a man is
clever by his answers. You can
tell whether a man is wise by his
questions. —Naguib Mahfouz—*

*The first draft of anything is sh--.
—Ernest Hemingway—*

Talking Writing

Jen Hansum and the Writing Center Discussion Group will convene again **this evening at 7 pm in the Blue Parlor**. Agenda items include: training students to give helpful peer feedback, organizing the peer review system in a writing center setting, and the place of peer review in the classroom. In a perfect world, this means students won't offer the old standbys "I liked Huck, too," "You could put some more examples in," and "What's a thesis again?" Jen and the crew know that peer feedback rests on the quality of the teacher's framing. All interested Loafers are encouraged to take part, listen quietly, and abscond with all usable information.

T-Shirt D-Vote-T

Today's the second and final day of voting for the 2010 BL T-shirt. After massive fundraising efforts and a complete about face on a campaign pledge to take public funding, one design has charged to the lead. A media darling, this design inspires with powerful visual rhetoric and looks poised to make history. Yet and still, the wonder of our democratic system allows for every vote to be counted and each voice to be heard. Any of the four contenders could win this election. So, be sure you've fully considered each design on the bulletin board near the Front Desk. Imagine yourself wearing this T-shirt for at least another four years, or at least until next summer. Vote with every fiber of your being since, in so doing, you make incarnate the pledge of our forefathers to bring forth a more perfect Bread Loaf. **Voting closes this afternoon following lunch. Be sure to send Eric Eye, Georgia Summers, or Renee Lewin your choice over Bread Net or snail mail.**

Tight Frame Three-Shot

Professors Jonathan Freedman, Jacques Lezra, and Michael Wood will host a joint presentation **tomorrow evening at 7 pm in Barn 1** geared toward teaching film. After brief remarks, a discussion of cinematic pedagogy will ensue, brought on, no doubt, by your sterling Q's and the profs glittering A's. All those who teach film courses, or intend to do so, or who have considered movies in class more than a break from teaching are herewith invited.

What's Hecuba To Him Or He To Hecuba?

Plenty, if you're one of the younger actors playing in the Zolidis *Iliad* adaptation. Director Lewin wants to remind you **rehearsal is tonight at 5 pm in the Barn**. Bring the full-scale Trojan Horse replica and bronze armor you've been building.

Important, Affecting, And Not For The Faint-hearted

Sabina Omerhodzic will screen *Earthlings* tonight at 7:30 pm in Barn 1. When first released in 2005, this documentary earned the nickname "the Vegan maker." Shaun Monson's film has now gained such wide standing that it's regarded as *the* definitive animal rights film. Be warned: *Earthlings* features graphic scenes of animal violence and cruelty. Parents ought to speak with Sabina prior to tonight's event about suitability for their kids.

Acronym Soup

Molly Clarkson promises a swift end to the alphabet fetish beloved by certain members of the International Baccalaureate program. More to the point, IB proffers a range of curricular opportunities to middle and secondary teachers. Molly hopes to outline some key features of the program and answer questions an IB NU-B (sorry, it's chronic) might have in the first year. Current IB teachers, future IB teachers, and potential IB teachers should all consider themselves invited to **Barn A tonight at 7:15 pm.**

Imaginarium Of Doctor Armstrongus

Members of Michael Armstrong's "Describing the Imagination" class should delight in tacos or tomatoes, then hie to **Barn 2 tonight directly after dinner** for the mandatory workshop. Bring all materials necessary for your project. Dressing like you stepped out of Terry Gilliam vehicle is optional.

Yogatta Try This Stretching Thing

Kelsey Bickers hopes many Loafers will cease and desist with scholastic stress and give their bodies and minds a chance to re-center. Her **stress relief yoga class runs 7:30—8:30 pm in Barn A tomorrow evening.**

Breaking Down The Fourth Wall

Mad Forest opens in a couple more weeks, an event heralded with much fanfare and song. Prior to the show, there's still tons of intriguing work that you can witness. Should you wish to play a fly on that imaginary wall, remember to enter the Little Theater quietly and wait to exit until Alan and the actors have taken a break. Often, watching rehearsals gives future audience members the chance to construct a context in which they take greater enjoyment of the finished product. Or you can come cold; it's your party, baby. The *Crumb*'s unnamed theater source has remarked upon the "startling moments of human frailty" and "profound personal connections" that Churchill's play holds. Sounds like something good's cookin'.

Childcare Available For Current Crouton Parents

On a tangentially related note, those families who currently enroll their kiddos in Croutons are asked to request one night during the play's run on which they'd like to drop off their charges in Ripton. This might free them to see *Mad Forest* without having to explain how to spell the Rumanian leader's patronym, the differences among fascism, socialism, and communism, or why Craig keeps shaving his beard in new ways.

I'll Trade This Paper On Diaz To You For Something Really Big

The Bread Loaf Athletics & Games Organization hopes to remind all students about the importance of physical fitness during these times of paper writing, project completing, and extortion contemplation. BLAGO offers a panoply of options for the high-profile, high pompadour Loafer. To wit, John "I might know something on the record for \$1000" Munro will run his **weekly softball game this evening after dinner**. Chris "Hey, wanna be a Senator?" Bottomley expects to see the usual suspects and other **soccer players tomorrow evening** on the field after repast. Loreen Hughes plans a **35 mile bike ride tomorrow at 1:30 pm**, though she'll cut it back to 25 for 'future considerations.' The peloton will drive from in front of the Inn to a slightly more mellow set of undulating hills down Route 100. She's got a couple of slips left to tote your bike there, or you can drive over yourself if you've got a rack and a dream. And lest you think Ultimate Frisbee has avoided the notice of BLAGO, Roland Burris will run a special, long-weekend session of the popular flying disc game this Thursday in exchange for someone taking him seriously. So, close the computer for a few moments, breathe, then come out and pay...er, play.

"So, Then, I Found Myself Really Struck By Something I Once Read In Fourth Grade That Links Here...."

Some of you have been sharpening the axe in secret. *Crumb* offices have already received a handful of entries for Thursday's *Top Ten Ways to Quiet the Loquacious One in Class*. Keep them coming and recall the **deadline is 10 am.**

Wait For It

If you're still reading this thing, it's possible the lights have already flickered on you. The waitstaff is comprised of students just like you. With the same workload and deadlines. Give 'em a break; get up quickly and say 'thanks.'

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Today:

- Director's Reception 5 pm
Soccer 7 pm
Teaching Film Group 7 pm

Tomorrow:

- Madrigalists 5 pm
Ultimate 7 pm
Gilmore vespers

Menu

Lunch: hot steak sandwich;
roasted eggplant on
foccaccia; onion rings

Dinner: chicken marsala or
portabella wellington with
shallots, thyme, & basil;
brussel sprouts & red taters

Weather

Today: damp n' dank 79/58

Thursday: Chuku wins 84/62

All our words are but crumbs that
fall down from the feast of our
minds. —Kahlil Gibran—

So long as you have food in your
mouth you have solved all problems
for the time being. —Franz Kafka—

The shared meal elevates eating
from a mechanical process of fueling
the body to a ritual of family and
community. —Michael Pollan—

Movie Night Turns Up The Heat

After protracted negotiations, Twitter rumors, and back-room deals, Jennifer Wicke has agreed to sign a mammoth 6-year/\$122M deal with the Teaching Film Group. The addition of Professor Wicke to an already talent-laden lineup of All-Star film and lit teachers has pundits around the industry whispering "multiple Film Review Championships....!" The ~~Big Three~~ Fantastic Four will sit down with BL students at 7 pm tonight in Barn 1 to discuss general approaches to teaching film in the literature classroom. Michael Wood, Jonathan Freedman, Jacques Lezra, and the aforementioned no-longer-free-agent Wicke plan to show a brief clip from a favorite piece of celluloid, remark on its possible uses in the classroom, then take questions from the floor. Wicke has graciously scrapped an earlier plan to broadcast her decision on live television because...well, that kind of hubristic narcissism is as ugly as it is puerile.

Restoration Comedy

Following the success of Plan G (employ old guy to smite rock with staff), the water service has been restored to the Inn and surrounding buildings. A bit of discoloration, read: sediment in your tap water, the Hydro-Powers That Be assure us is completely normal. If it's all coffee-hued all the time, you might mention that to the Front Desk. If it's *actually* coffee that comes from your tap, buy some mugs and start banking coin; you've discovered a previously unknown Caffeine Reservoir. Like all natural resources across these purple mountain majesties, finders keepers. Just ask BP for help in spinning the story.

Clay Court Clashes' Calling

You've heard that voice in the dusky evenings as your gaze wanders past Davison. "If you serve it, they will volley." Putting aside the conflation of two sports in a single, slightly cheesy movie reference, you think, "Yeah, I am a pretty beastly master of the racket." Not to worry: no late-night convos with Navratilova, Borg, or Ashe will be necessary, nor do you need to construct new courts in corn fields. The sight of red clay giving way to green weeds can only mean that Wimble Loaf has finally arrived. International Bread Loaf Tennis Commissioner Ed Brown swears with all the promise of his fuzzy green soul that the **draws for Bread Loaf's Tennis Tourney will be posted today after lunch**. Watch for any opponents who roll up in Michael Chang-era Reebok Pumps, wield a Yoneyama wood racket, or dress in knickers, saddle shoes, and an ascot. These may be apparitions from Tennis Past.

Then I Saw Her Face...Now I'm A Receiver, Not A Trace Of Doubt In My Mind

Among her many other thrones, dominions, powers, and principalities, Her Extreme Magnanimity, the Empress Bartels possesses the ability to alter meteorological events. Thus, having tired of watching the peasants sweat and stew in the last week's heat, the Sultanness of Seraphim has deigned to grace the **West Lawn** with a bit of shade and a passing rain shower. If you've been invited to **this evening's Director's Reception at 5 pm**, you may want to pack a jacket. Of course, it'll be 72 and breezy wherever Her Highness happens to alight. See you there.

Stretch Your Limits, Part 1

Kelsey Bickers thinks yelling "Serenity Now!" Costanza-style will have slightly less effect than simply attending her **stress relief yoga class that runs 7:30—8:30 pm in Barn A tonight**. Let go of Paradise Lost, put on loose-fitting clothing, walk languidly to Barn A, and chill, Winston.

Stretching Your Limits, Part 2

Kalli Federhofer plans a century ride **this Saturday** and requests all interested parties to join him. The crew will leave from in **front of the Inn at 1:15 pm**. Calling into question whether it's a threat or an invitation, Kalli did mention the possibility of a future double-century ride...does naming the ride in non-numerical form buttress one's psyche from the damage caused by riding *hundreds* of miles? Find out if you're also a diaphoretic endurance freak.

Only Slightly Less Stretching O'Limits

Loreen Hughes and her Riders of the Purple Sage will **depart from the Inn at 1:30 pm today** on their 35 mile bicycle jaunt over hill and dale. After rounding the shrine of St. Thomas a Becket, the merrye companye will begin telling tales in character using only Middle English, pre-Great Vowel Shift. Somewhere, John Fyler is smiling. The pilgrimage will likely last two hours. Loreen's got a couple of slips left if you'd like to tote your steed on top of her wagon.

Moose On Road

Thunderstruck by her presentation on the International Baccalaureate program, Molly Clarkson was accosted by a baby moose and his larger Uncle Bull as she drove down 125 last night around 9 pm. Crossing the road just before Brandy Brook and the cemetery nearby, these "gargantuan animals" failed to answer the Morse Code signals Molly sent using her high beams. Morse Code, it seems, is *sooo* AP. This wildlife sighting completely trumps Molly's first fauna run-in: watching the Tamarack chipmunk squirrel away food in the bushes outside her room.

Moose On Shirt

Many congratulations to Rosalie Alvarez for her 2010 T-Shirt Competition winning design. Choice D will soon become the official Bread Loaf shirt, draping the burnished limbs and graceful shoulders of Loafers in a variety of pleasing colors. The DA's counted and recounted the votes, such was the profusion of ballots cast. Applause and sincere well-wishes to everyone who turned in a design. Stay tuned for ordering and payment information from the DA's. In the meantime, high fives and genuflections for Mademoiselle Alvarez.

Shopping For Books This Weekend

The **Bread Loaf Bookstore in the Annex Basement will be closed this Friday** for the Long Weekend Break. You might try Vermont Book Store downtown or a trip to Burlington if you're in a crunch, which might mean you need to consider

Transportation This Weekend

While the BL Shuttle will lie dormant over the Break, you can still catch a ride with the ACTR (the local bus) that runs Thursday—Sunday. You'll want to call ahead at (802) 388-1946 to be sure the driver knows you need a pickup.

Eating This Weekend

Here's a **one-time only occurrence**: Saturday, July 17 and Sunday, July 18 will both feature a **Brunch from 10:30 am—12:30 pm**. All remaining weekends this summer will see the Brunch schedule only in effect on Sundays.

Orphan Of Silence

Mr. Simic may not be reviewing the submissions for this week's *Top Ten Ways to Quiet the Loquacious One in Class*, but they certainly belong to a poetic species all their own. Gather your crew and pop off your quiet-inducing methods to Hincker on Bread Net by **10 am tomorrow morning**.

The Crumb

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Events

Today:

Madrigalists 5 pm
Ultimate 7 pm
Gilmore darkling hour

Friday:

Movie 9 pm

Sunday:

Blue Parlor 7 pm

Menu

Lunch: greek chicken with feta, olives, & artichokes over herbed orzo; falafel pancake in tziki sauce over herbed orzo

Dinner: fish n' chips; cactus lasagna; coleslaw; grilled zucchini; summer squash

Weather

Today: warming 86/63

Friday: passing storms 85/65

Sat. & Sun.: just right 82/60

Highbrow Central

When the boogeyman goes to sleep, he checks under his bed for Chuck Norris. -Anonymous-

I love it when a plan comes together. -Hannibal Smith-

Sure, Luhr Me In With Star Cross'd Lovers

In 1996, Baz Luhrmann's *Romeo + Juliet* debuted to extensive hype and huge box office receipts. After taking \$11M over its opening weekend, the film went on to gross \$147M worldwide and made a household name out of this Shakespeare guy. Guess there's a market for love stories, after all. Fast forward fourteen (!) years. Now, you can enjoy the movie all over again when it's shown **Friday evening in the Barn at 9 pm**. Like Leguizamo? Care for Clare? Somehow, this version of the play inspires strong opinions. Stop in to remember why you detested/idolized Luhrmann after watching.

Here's The Challenge: Warrant, There's Vinegar & Pepper In It

If you're staying on the Mountain over the Long Weekend, there are just a couple of changes to meal times. Friday's schedule stays the same. **Saturday and Sunday will both feature continental breakfast between 8 and 9:30 am, then brunch from 10 am—12:30 pm**. Since we're on the subject of dining...

While The Dish Ran Away With The Spoon

The kitchen staff reports missing a not insignificant number of bowls, glasses, and utensils of every type. While hungry elves are probably to blame for such shenanigans, it'd be nice of you to glance about your room and quietly return any contraband cutlery you see. Ants, flies, and earwigs love leftovers, so you'd be addressing the insect issue in your room as well. Win-win. Check it off your To Do List before you head into your weekend.

TANSTAAFL

Really, now. Be it Heinlein or Friedman saying it, the truth remains: there ain't no such thing as a free lunch. Even on the Mountain. While we're ecstatic that you're here to sup with your classmates and profs, if you *forgot* to pay for a meal ticket, you need to do so forthwith. You can buy each meal at the Front Desk just before you walk in with all the other students who've paid for their food. Thanks for doing the right thing.

Rehearsal For Iliad Adaptation Will Be Epic

Director Lewin reminds all actors in the Zolidis production that the next rehearsal is **Sunday, July 18 at 7 pm in the Barn**.

Free Time? What's Free Time?

Supposing you got a little wrapped up in your papers, reading, projects, karaoke crooning, putting the moves on the PYT in Sabin's class, & etc., you might've missed some fantastic things to do in the area. Fear not, O reader. Point, then click your way to: <http://www.middlebury.edu/blse/campuses/vt/VTsummer> You want the link at the bottom of the page entitled "Fun, Food, and Frivolity...in Vermont." With simply a mouseclick, the vistas of the Champlain Valley will be at your fingertips, your mind will be filled with the wisdom of ages, and you can figure out where to take your gear to get a good dry cleaning. I know, I feel a little giddy, too, just thinking about it. The nine-page document's really the bible of local knowledge for the intrepid BL explorer. When's a better time to try something different than a Long Weekend Break?

Recipe For A Great Weekend? It's Musiq & Soul, Child

Festival on the Green continues in downtown Midd. You've got jazz and funk fusion in the form of Nathan Childers Quintet tonight at 7pm or Le Vent du Nord, "Quebec's top traditional music band" at 8:30 pm. Tomorrow's Brooks Williams, then Mac Arnold and Plate Full O' Blues—showtimes are the same as above. Chali Davis pips the Adam Ezra Group—Boston-based singers/songwriters who play Stratton Mountain at 6 pm Saturday. She's offering rides to this free concert that's conveniently located next to a BBQ joint and microbrewery. Connect with Chali over Bread Net if you find yourself intrigued by a reviewer that described Adam Ezra's sound as the baby formed when Dave Mathews, Bruce Springsteen, Jack Johnson, and James Taylor all get together.

Century Club

Kalli Federhofer plans a century ride **this Saturday** and requests all interested parties to join him. The crew will leave from in **front of the Inn at 1:15 pm**. Once you finish, yawn, stretch languidly, then coolly let drop that you're good and warmed up, so let's do the second hundred for time.

When I Get A Little Money, I Buy Books; And If Any Is Left, I Buy Food And Clothes

The **Bread Loaf Bookstore in the Annex Basement will be closed tomorrow** for the Long Weekend Break. You might try Vermont Book Store on Main Street, Monroe Street Books (70,000+ titles!) on Route 7 North, or Otter Creek Used and Rare Books, also on Main Street. Happy hunting.

Appetite Whetting

Just to give you that warm frisson of expectation: next week features four, count 'em, distinguished readers and guests. David Huddle starts the thing off with his signature style Monday, followed by BL alum Kurt Caswell, *then* John Ashbery (yeah, that one) returns to the Mountain to read his poetry, only to have Peter Stanlis—who called Robert Frost a pal—arrive on Thursday to speak about the Ripton Poet's life. Come on, that's a helluva week....

Cork It

Crumb offices added an extra wing this week for Top Ten submissions; it was a veritable witty deluge. On to the *Top Twenty-Two Ways to Quiet the Loquacious One in Class*:

- 22) Repeat everything she says on a one-second delay. (Men of Annex)
- 21) Nod head, make eye contact...then begin snoring. (Boys of Barn East)
- 20) Bring a rolled up newspaper to class. After each comment, lightly tap student on nose and firmly say, "No. Baaaaaaaad." (MOA)
- 19) Halfway through a comment, toss a thong on the floor and say, "You left this last night." (BOBE)
- 18) Defenestrate the gabber. (Guys of Gilmore)
- 17) Recommend Bread Loaf's newest campus in Pyongyang. (BOBE)
- 16) Whip out the old vuvuzela. (GOG)
- 15) "Dickens was paid by the word, and you, sir, are no Dickens." (BOBE)
- 14) "Only BP has accomplished less with so much talking." (Tamarack)
- 13) Leave a fraudulent love note from the professor in his/her path. When the student shows up to class in yellow stockings and cross-gartered, lock him/her in the basement and perform an exorcism. (MOA)
- 12) Don a beret, snap your fingers, light a clove, and yell "go, cat, go!" (BOBE)
- 11) "Get thee to a nunnery!" (BOBE)
- 10) Duct tape. Lots and lots of duct tape. (Off-Campus Contingent)
- 9) Lure him to Gilmore's basement with some tale about Amontillado. Start laying bricks. (GOG)
- 8) Take his head, yelling "There can be only one!" (BOBE)
- 7) Mime ringing the meal bell and scream, "Ding Dong" at the top of your lungs. (OCC)
- 6) Invite them to *Exit, pursued by a bear*. (GOG)
- 5) Make him editor of the *Crumb*. (Inn)
- 4) Jot down everything the student says. After class, loudly thank for his/her remarks, saying, "I'm in Describing the Imagination, and Michael Armstrong loves it when we bring in the bizarre ramblings of children." (MOA)
- 3) Ask "What else does SparkNotes have to say on the subject?" (BOBE)
- 2) Start crying, shake her hand, and keep repeating, "Beauty is Truth and Truth, Beauty!" (Cherry)
- 1) When the student begins, "What struck me was..." yell "My shoe!" and rip a Croc at him. (MOA)

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Events

Today:

Recovery Group	5 pm
Madrigalists	5 pm
Soccer	7 pm
Huddle Reading	7:30 pm

Tuesday:

Caswell Reading	7 pm
Softball	7 pm

Menu

Lunch: baked salmon over angel hair pasta; bowtie pasta with pesto tofu; roasted tomato soup

Dinner: roasted turkey breast; spinach-artichoke strudel; jalapeno cornbread; stuffing; garlic mashed taters

Weather

Today: rain reigns 76/58

Tuesday: late sprinkles 78/61

Voltaire at Bread Loaf

Let us read and let us dance—
two amusements that will never
harm the world.

The more I read, the more
certain I am I know nothing.

Huddle Up

David Huddle continues the Bread Loaf faculty reading series **tonight at 7:30 pm in the Barn**. The Southern Gentleman from Ivanhoe, VA has jousted across genres throughout a prolific career, including poetry, lit crit, and fiction, among many others. Mr. Huddle's most recent poem, "Roanoke Pastorale" ran in *The New Yorker* a few weeks before you got on the Mountain. Readers and students cherish his dry wit, crystalline moments of quiet contemplation, and the extravagant puissance with which his writing pulses. Start your week on an up-note by clearing your schedule to hear Professor Huddle tonight. All members of the community are invited to a reception following the reading on Treman porch.

Reading Rainbow

As promised last week, BL has lined up a not-to-be-missed slate of writers for your edification and enjoyment. **Tomorrow at 7:30 in Barn 1**, BL alum Kurt Caswell will read from his *In the Sun's House*, a meditation on his time spent teaching in Borrego Pass, a Navajo community in New Mexico. Thursday features Peter Stanlis, a contemporary and biographer of Robert Frost who has written about the intersection of Frost's poetry, politics, and philosophy. Mr. Stanlis' personal memoir concerns the years 1939-1941 when the two men called Ripton home. And Wednesday, well, Wednesday will make it tough to stay in the library....

Break Out Your Convex Mirrors

Renowned Pulitzer, National Book, and Griffin Poetry Prize winning poet John Ashbery will read **Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Barn**. Mr. Ashbery has delighted readers, confounded critics, and established a legacy as one of the 20th century's poetic titans. Bread Loaf happily continues its warm association with Mr. Ashbery and announces further distinguished guests who will accompany the poet to the Mountain.

Painting, Poetry, & All Points In Between

Renowned painter Archie Rand, Presidential Professor of Art at Brooklyn College, and his wife Maria Rand, Director of the Brooklyn College Art Galleries, will accompany Mr. Ashbery to Bread Loaf Wednesday. Mr. Rand will lead an informal discussion of Arts and the Creative Process directly following Mr. Ashbery's reading. The two artists have worked in collaboration in recent years.

Regarded as both a technical and an iconographic innovator, Mr. Rand has done significant work as a painter, muralist, graphic artist, illustrator, and writer. He held his first gallery exhibition when he was sixteen and has since seen his work displayed in major museums worldwide, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Chicago Art Institute, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris, and the Tel Aviv Museum of Art. Mr. Rand has been called the world's most prominent painter of Jewish themes. Named a Laureate of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, Mr. Rand has recently worked in collaboration with poets John Yau, Robert Creeley, and—of course—John Ashbery. Find out more information here: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/news/media/02/archieRand/>

Senior Citizens

All fifth-year graduates-in-waiting are urged to confirm Banquet plans with Victoria Brown at the Front Desk. You'll need an accurate headcount of your guests for the summer-ending meal and, not to put too fine a point on it, you need to settle your bill. Maybe barter those dance steps from last week's Seniors Rule Performance?

I Am The Ticketmaster; Are You The Gatekeeper?

Luckily, you're not thinking about the Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man or you might miss out on the chance to see *Mad Forest*. Faye Christensen sends word that students may now reserve tickets for any of the shows—Wednesday, 7.28 through Sunday, 8.1—at the Front Desk. Alan MacVey and the entire cast have been singing, shouting, and prepping for your viewing pleasure all summer long. Act quickly to grab the night you want. For now, please reserve only one ticket. If your plans should change, you can always exchange it. Admission is free.

I Have Measured Out My Life With Coffee Spoons

You probably noticed if you left campus this weekend that not many other locales feature incredibly well-read restaurant servers who will crack a Dorothy Parker joke, bring a second dessert (yeah, saw you do it) without raising an eyebrow, and *then* hold forth on Empson's bombastic appraisal of *The Son* in your 2 o'clock class. That's impressive. The BL Waitstaff works themselves silly just like you do. So, please remember your Dining Hall etiquette: try to arrive on time for meals, recognize these people simply deliver the food n' drink, and hop up to get on with your business once the lights blink. Gracias, amigos.

Recovery Group Meeting

The AA Recovery Group will gather **today at 5 pm in Barn A**. All interested parties are welcome.

A Star Is Born

Organizers of the Bread Loaf Coffeehouse and Blue Parlor have taken the bold, innovative step to combine forces for an uncategorizable sensory celebration **this Friday at 9 pm**. This showpiece for your talents—literary, musical, comedic, or otherwise—needs your support. If you plan to perform, make certain to drop your name on the sign-up sheet near the Dining Hall. Please also contact Georgia Summers and let her know what form your stage magnificence will take. Unleash those creative energies. Blow off some steam. Channel your inner Shakira. No matter the act, there's a place for it at the Coffeehouse.

Desire Under The Elms

Even if they're not actual elm trees outside the Barn, **this Saturday at 9 pm** will promote plenty of desire. The legendary/infamous/holy shnikeys, how'd she think of that? Suppressed Desires Dance will assume its 43rd incarnation with a little help from you. Costume ideas have been mooted over meals, local haberdashers have been alerted, and the Dollar Store expects an onslaught. This one's for posterity, folks, so give yourself license to cross the line. If you're still stumped for ideas, try reading old journals filled with your deepest secrets. Then, make a funny outfit from them, ideally involving leather, wigs, and fake mustaches. See? Harmless fun on a summer night.

Topmost Work

After a sensational series of articles detailing recruiting and financial infractions which appeared in national—well local—news outlets, the Boys of Barn East have voluntarily sanctioned themselves in the Top Ten Competition. Hoping to avoid NCAA sanctions, the Boys have redressed the point imbalance and come clean about the sources of their prolific output. Thus, the current point totals look like: Boys of Barn East, 12; Men of Annex, 10; Guys of Gilmore, 8; Off-Campus Contingent, 5; Director's Assistants, 3; Anon, 2; Inn, 2; Tamarack, 1; Cherry, 1. The Sprint/Nextel Race for the Top Ten Cup Series takes its penultimate turn this week. Furrowed brows, grumbled meal conversations, and the spike in caffeine consumption can only mean BLS (Bread Loaf Stress) is on the rise. Submit your *Top Ten Indications of Bread Loaf Stress* to Hincker on Bread Net by **Friday at 10 am**.

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Events

Today:

Caswell Reading 7:30 pm

Softball 7 pm

Writing Center Group 7 pm

Wednesday:

Director's Reception 5 pm

Soccer 7 pm

Ashbery Reading 7:30 pm

Rand Discussion 8:15 pm

Menu

Lunch: pastrami on hoagies;
ziti alfredo with shrooms,
spinach, peas, & carrots;
watercress soup

Dinner: sesame beef & broc-
coli with pork potstickers;
veggie stir fry with fried tofu
over rice noodles; egg rolls

Weather

Today: stray storm? 79/57

Wednesday: off/on rain 74/61

The Craft

The writer is either a practicing
recluse or a delinquent, guilt-ridden
one; or both. Usually both.

—Susan Sontag—

Take The Inside Passage In The Sun's House

Author, editor, and assistant professor of creative writing and literature in the Honors College at Texas Tech University, Kurt Caswell will add further savory morsels to the writerly gumbo Bread Loaf's cooking this week. He speaks **tonight at 7:30 pm in Barn 1**. Mr. Caswell's first book, *In The Sun's House*, details his experiences living and working on a Navajo reservation in northern New Mexico. *The Inside Passage* won 2008's River Teeth Literary Nonfiction Book Prize. Mr. Caswell's wanderlust took him far afield after graduating Bread Loaf; his recent book covers but some of that journey.

Order Two Tango Tunics

The creative visionaries behind this summer's Bread Loaf t-shirt have ceased their work and laid down their tools. Now is the hour of your ordering. Simply contact Georgia Summers and choose a color and size. The cotton conjurers have chosen a **cranberry shirt with white writing** or a **gray ringer tee with evergreen piping at neck and sleeve**. Normally, the shirts arrive in the last few days of the session. Cost looks to land somewhere between \$10 and 12.

Bread Loaf In Schools

Thursday, July 22, in Barn 1 at 7 pm, Michael Armstrong, Chris Moore, David Wandera, Debbie Alcorn, Rachel Dunn, James Knight, and Patrick Hastings will speak about performance, photography, wikis, self-publishing, and using film and digital stories in literature and writing classes. Jen Hansum will give brief remarks about the Bread Loaf-Vermont Writing Center. All are welcome.

Polish Up Your Powhiri

Mr. David Kermani, Executive Director of Promises and Learning, Inc., a foundation that provides fellowships to Bread Loaf students who teach in Ohio, will be on campus over the next few days. Be sure to make him feel welcome, which may or may not include telling him all about your paper on *Molloy*, inviting him out to play second base in softball, or asking if he saw those sweet white bucks Huddle rocked at his reading the other night. Glad to have you on the Mountain, Mr. Kermani.

Did Pete Carrol Or Reggie Bush Win The Trojan War?

All Zolidis cast members meet at **Treman at 7 pm tonight**.

The Only Ticket Outlet Pearl Jam Doesn't Hate

As the Front Desk and Faye Christensen do everything they can to make it easy to see the summer's theatrical performance, you don't actually need to *reserve* any tickets for the *Mad Forest* run—Wednesday, 7.28 through Sunday, 8.1—as the *Crumb* erroneously intimated yesternoon. Instead, you simply walk to the Front Desk, express your desire for a single night to see the show, they give you a ticket for that selfsame evening, and now you have a *space in the theater called a seat* reserved for you. Remember to arrive 20 minutes early to the Little Theater for the Madrigalists' music. So, to recap: pick up your free ticket to *Mad Forest* at the Front Desk now.

Ecphrastic Answers Or Stand Alone Studies?

Whether ye be a photographer inspired by poetry or a poet filled with ideas from film, you've got only a few more days to submit your work to the Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest or the Bread Loaf Photo Contest. Recall that you may submit one or two poems that run to 40 lines each to Karen Browne by **this Thursday, July 22**. Her email address is: Karen.Browne@breadnet.middlebury.edu. Photographs for the other contest come in two hues: shots of BL people and shots featuring the campus or nearby scenery. The winner in each category receives a cash prize and the picture(s) may be used in Bread Loaf publications or on the BL web page. Deadline to submit to Sandy LeGault on Bread Net is **this Thursday, July 22**. Please format in low resolution, 72 dpi and not 300 dpi.

Variety Entertainment

The time for talking is done. Go ahead and put pen to paper to ensure your act for the Coffeehouse **this Friday at 9 pm**. Don't worry; Chris and Tex will deliver the proem before you get up on stage, since Euterpe, Terpsichore, and Thalia can be stern deities. If you plan to perform, please also contact Georgia Summers and let her know what form your stage magnificence will take.

FaceLoaf, BreadBook, MyBarn, LinkedInn

Whatever slice of social networking you love, know this: Bread Loaf has launched its official Facebook page. That URL is facebook.com/BreadLoafSchoolofEnglish. So, drop your comments, suggestions, links, pics, and updates on the site. Fan us if you feel so inclined. Make it a preferred gathering place for ideas, requests, and information sharing about all things Bread Loavian. In the spirit of the School, the site's open to all Loafers, past, present, or future.

Kind Of Blue

There's no such thing as a Freddie Freeloader when it comes to the Writing Center Discussion Group. Everyone in the community is invited to **tonight's meeting at 7 pm in the Blue Parlor**. So expressive, so useful and informative are these sessions, no one could consider asking, "So What?" See you there.

Constructivist Arguments

By now it's no secret the crew from VTrans is working right in front of the campus. Parking on 125—not that it ever changed—is strictly verboten. When walking near the site, be sure to look around for slowing or stopped cars that may not see you. You may also want to close windows that look onto the street to avoid dust infiltrating your room. And the, ahem, 'white noise' they make is just another way Vermont tax dollars go to your benefit.

Freya's Festival

Want a goal to get you through Jonson? A target to hit when you finish *Rough Crossing*? Friday's your day to pull up some grass, bask in the sun, gnaw on some picnic fare, take in a movie, and watch your friends perform at the Coffeehouse. **Friday's dinner will be an All School Picnic** featuring taste sensations from Chef Darren and the Kitchen Nation. That evening's movie, *Twilight: New Moon*, will take place **at 7 pm in Barn 1**. Just in time, you can then walk next door and applaud for the heretofore unknown talents of the smarty in your Global Novel class. Get some rest that night because the next day is

Dionysian Desire Fulfillment

All work and no play makes Jack/Jane into an Apollonian automaton, right? I think that's Nietzsche, bro. Heavy. Nonetheless, you'll have all day Saturday to assemble your outfit for the 88th incarnation of the Suppressed Desires Dance. Seriously, the *Crumb* from 8/4/1922 lists the event just above a call for a sing-a-long with Mrs. Cummings during one of the summers Willa Cather was in residence. So now your attendance is kinda like a historical necessity. **Join the august assemblage at the Barn round about 9 pm**. Prizes will be given for particularly clever, noteworthy, or otherwise stupendous costuming. Somewhere in all that duct tape/tulle/cardboard, be sure to stash your ID. The DA's, like Dylan, know they gotta serve somebody...but only if you're street legal.

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Events

Today:

- Director's Reception 5 pm
Soccer 7 pm
Yoga 7:30 pm
Ashbery Reading 7:30 pm
Rand Discussion 8:15 pm

Thursday:

- Madrigalists 5 pm
Ultimate 7 pm
Stanlis Reading 7:30 pm
Gilmore witching hour

Menu

Lunch: chicken curry or
(seriously) evil prince veggies
over basmati rice

Dinner: cactus lasagna;
sautéed veggies; santa fe
chicken with agnolottis

Weather

- Today: pm thunder 84/61
Thursday: cooler 77/56

Take the whole range of
imaginative literature, and we are
wholesale borrowers. In every
matter that relates to invention, to
use, or beauty and form, we are
borrowers. -Wendell Phillips-

The Vermont Notebook

Renowned poet and friend of Bread Loaf, John Ashbery will read from his work **tonight in the Barn at 7:30 pm**. A reception at Treman follows Archie Rand's subsequent discussion. Mr. Ashbery has published more than twenty volumes of poetry, winning scores of awards over a storied, sterling career in letters. His influence on contemporaries has been likened to that of T.S. Eliot. Davison Librarian Kellam Ayres has thoughtfully laid out a collection of Mr. Ashbery's poetry on the first floor tables near the fireplace. Stop by to peruse his, and other New York School poets', work.

Doff O' The Hat

Mr. David Kermani, Executive Director of Promises and Learning, Inc., a foundation that provides fellowships to Bread Loaf students who teach in Ohio, will be on campus over the next few days. Give him the warm BL welcome: "Hi, what classes are you in? Where's home? Do you teach, too?" On second thought, you might ask about the good work his foundation does, show him the glory of a Bread Loaf sunset, or maybe just shake hands and say "Bienvenue." Glad to have you on the Mountain, Mr. Kermani.

The 613

Archie Rand, Presidential Professor of Art at Brooklyn College, and his wife, Maria Rand, who directs the Brooklyn College Art Galleries, join the creative feast tonight. You simply must take time to uncork the mental syrah with Mr. Ashbery's poetry, then linger over Mr. Rand's tasty discussion topic that follows: Arts and the Creative Process. Widely regarded as the most technically innovative and talented painter of his generation, Mr. Rand will match his deep well of visual art experience with his long string of collaborative projects to provide insight into the artist's smithy. Surely, you can't miss these events?

The Best Thing About Brunch

...is that you can eat it anytime and still make remarks later in the day about how full you are from "eating, like, two meals, man. Two huge meals," then pat your belly and consider going for a run. After a little game of Half-Hour Go Fish (do you have anything in a 10:45?) between the principal movers and shakers, the **Sunday meal times** have been etched in stone: **continental breakfast from 8—9:30 am, brunch from 11 am—1 pm, and dinner at 6 pm**. New times begin this weekend.

Hottest Ticket In Town

You're in luck. Unlike the 6 o'clock *Inception*, the latest Miley Cyrus concert, and the '12 mph over the posted limit' that Statey just hit you with, the most desirable ticket on the Mountain comes to you absolutely *gratis*. Tickets for *Mad Forest*, the Caryl Churchill, semi-surreal, Acting Company-infused, lil' nugget of theatrical love (and Romanian revolution) that opens next Wednesday, are available now at the Front Desk. Pick your tic quick; shows are filling alacritously. Remember, too, you can sneak a peek at any of the open rehearsals this week to whet your appetite.

I Walk The Line

Poets and photographers, be warned: the deadline for the Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest and the Bread Loaf Photo Contest is **tomorrow, Thursday, July 22**. You may submit one or two poems of up to 40 lines each to Karen Browne at: Karen_Browne@breadnet.middlebury.edu. Photographs for the other contest should concern two areas: shots of BL people and shots featuring the campus or nearby scenery. The winner in each category receives a cash prize and the picture(s) may be used in Bread Loaf publications or on the BL web page. Please format in low resolution, 72 dpi and not 300 dpi.

A Time To Talk

I know it's like Frank the Tank on a Saturday morning; you don't know if you'll have enough time to enjoy all the lush foliage of intellectual shade cast this week. Your paper doesn't need a fifth draft, anyway. Peter Stanlis will cast a long shadow in which to luxuriate when he speaks **tomorrow night at 7:30 pm in the Blue Parlor**. Mr. Stanlis was befriended by Robert Frost during the former's undergraduate days at Midd, then went on to write a memoir about those and other experiences related to our flinty-eyed neighbor. Warm fire in the Parlor, personal recollections from about the time of *A Further Range*, and a dose of prosody—sounds like another can't miss event.

Omerhodzic Redux

Sabina writes to describe the "ridiculous participation" at her movie screening last week with an eye towards a second showing. Turnout was phenomenal, stupendous, and off the chain-rific enough to necessitate two such viewings of *Earthlings*, Shaun Monson's documentary on speciesism and animal (mis)treatment. She'll crank it up again in **Barn 1 tonight at 9 pm**, hoping to give everyone a chance to make both the Ashbery reading and the Rand discussion. Post-movie feedback ranged from "VERY IMPRESSED" to "it changed the mind of this conservative."

Sign, Sign, Everywhere A Sign

Don't mention the scenery. Just put your name on the two sign-ups of great importance to your immediate future. Name, t-shirt size, and preferred color will earn you a 2010 BL T-shirt later this summer, while name, act, and an ounce of courage equals a spot at Friday's Coffeehouse, eternal glory, and the libidinous interest of that cutie from Modern European Fiction. Don't scoff; these rewards are all within your grasp. Grab the brass ring.

If You Can Read This, You Can Also Buy A Meal Ticket

Those of us who live off-campus, or don't have a full meal plan *per se*, or who sometimes forget to visit the Front Desk before we sit down to enjoy stimulating scuttlebutt and Chef Darren's culinary creations, are gently reminded to procure a meal ticket prior to entering the Dining Hall. Anything else besides this course of action really doesn't cut the mustard, capiche?

Burlington Bound?

Suzie's looking for a ride Friday afternoon to Burlington "by car." Candidly, I'd hold out if I heard someone might sojourn to the Lake Monsters' home by helicopter, Segway, or floo powder. But hey, Suzie's got her thing for auto travel. Leave a message at the Front Desk for Ms. Telep.

Runnin' Down A Dream

The Charlie Orr Memorial 5K Run will take place July 31 (an important day at the *Crumb* offices) and will debut a new course layout. Described by Peter and Ed as "challenging, fun, and with far less cement dust than you'd expect," the trail-runners are certain to love it. Race begins at 8 am and lasts 15-45 minutes, depending on hydration, previous night's dancing, and innate competitiveness. Come out to run, walk, or cheer.

Desire

You might already have becostumed yourself as Osiris' bride or as Sebastian the Ibis. Maybe your Suppressed Desire is Joey from "Blossom" (whoa!). Regardless, you oughta have one more cup of coffee, oh sister, and consider how best to make a splash come **Saturday evening in the 9 o'clock hour**. This dance won't disappoint.

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Events

Today:

Madrigalists 5 pm

Soccer 7 pm

Stanlis Reading 7:30 pm

Gilmore witching hour

Friday:

Hoops 1:45 pm

Brandy Brook afternoon

All School Picnic 6 pm

Movie 7 pm

Coffeehouse 9 pm

Menu

Lunch: italian meat
stromboli or roasted veggie
Stromboli; potato leek soup

Dinner: blackened catfish
with tartar sauce or barley
cakes with spicy red sauce;
collared greens; corn cakes

Weather

Today: damp n' misty 76/60

Friday: warm again 84/63

I don't think the heavy stuff's
comin' for quite a while yet.

-Carl the Groundskeeper-

Voices From Bread Loaf's Past

Peter Stanlis will speak **tonight in the Blue Parlor at 7:30 pm**, the final member of the writers' festival that has encompassed this week on the Mountain. Fittingly, Mr. Stanlis plans to discuss one of Bread Loaf's pillars, Robert Frost. Drawing from their personal conversations, Frost's tutelage, and multiple projects concerning the poet's politics and philosophy, Stanlis will adumbrate an image of Frost perhaps yet unknown. Come to hear from the man who was *there*.

The Adventures of Baron Von Brunchausen

It's been twenty-four hours without a change in the **Sunday meal times**. You can still plan to break your fast **from 8—9:30 am**. However, should you find yourself moving just the tiniest bit slower that morning (don't know why that would be so), take solace in the glory that is brunch. Brunch, a meal Conrad called 'the saving grace of civilization' and Hemingway suffered through before his second Bloody Mary kicked in. You, fair reader, can enjoy this meal of grand dames and generals **between 11 am and 1 pm**. That oughta give you enough time to unpack the events from Saturday's dance and try to remember where you tossed your camera before the Midnight Capture the Flag.

And It's A Hard Rain's Gonna Fall

So, you may have heard about a small meteorological happenstance last evening. Here's the entirely possible, not necessarily factual, likely gilded series of events that gave rise to the Bread Loaf Blackout of 2010. Intending to leave Ripton in despair and darkness until her return next weekend, High Priestess Emily Bartels caused the sky to turn sable, Lake Pleiad to overflow its shores, then sluice down 125, and furious gales to blow from the Northeast Kingdom. The area went on tornado watch just before 5 pm. Coincident with Her Greatness' machinations, multiple trees fell across power lines on the Oak Ridge Trail, effectively ending our connection to a power substation in the backcountry. Bushwhacking agents from Champlain Valley Power trekked over hill and dale to cut away the forest's fallen tree limbs that no one can remember making a sound. You, undaunted by storm or electrical outage, decided to treat this unplugged, candlelit evening like any good New Orleanian in a hurricane. Nice move. Later, double rainbows broke out, connecting Bread Loaf Mountain to the ridge behind Treman, mist rolled over the meadows, and a strange orange light provided the backdrop for Mr. Ashbery's reading. Foxes, voles, and a large family of gnomes were seen seeking high, dry land.

Thanks to the efforts of our own Justin Allen and those intrepid CVPS rangers, vigilant throughout the long, moony night, power was restored to campus about twelve hours after Storm Splitter Bartels cast us into preternatural inkiness. Jim Maddox is back at Earthworm Manor directing efforts to reverse the diluvial onslaught, restore internet and BreadNet access, and return the sun to its proper position, orbiting the earth of course. In all, about 3000 people were affected by the power outage, though none responded with the grace and aplomb of you fine Bread Loafers.

Father Time Is Undefeated

Three items need your immediate attention, lest you find yourself shirtless, unrewarded, and lonely on a Friday night:

1. 2010 Bread Loaf T-shirt sign-ups close **tonight at 12:01 am**. Georgia's a self-described "deadline stickler" and will brook no late requests. Though 'tis not alone your inky cloak that can denote you truly, you should know that the cranberry shirt will have black—not white—ink upon't.
2. Haiduke Poetry and Bread Loaf Photo Contests **close today**. Be certain you've submitted your poetic entries to Karen Browne and your photo entries to Sandy LeGault according to guidelines listed previously.
3. Coffeehouse sign-ups have proceeded apace. There's still time to screw your courage to the sticking point if you'd like to be a tremor in tomorrow night's TalentQuake.

Another Ticket

Snag your slip and see *Mad Forest* on the night of your choosing. The run opens next Wednesday, July 28 and closes Sunday, August 1. The Front Desk will fill your ticket request, the Madrigalists will break into song about twenty minutes before showtime, Faye Christensen will keep order in the Theater, and the Acting Company will entertain and astound you. Admission is free, unless you wanna drop a Benjamin in the ol' *Crumb* mailbox as a finder's fee....

Omerhodzie Redux Redux

Since yesterday's weather-imposed Luddism obviated *Earthlings*, Shaun Monson's documentary on speciesism and animal (mis)treatment, Sabina will try again in **Barn 1 Sunday at 9 pm**.

Are You Gonna Go My Way?

Suzie Telep's looking for a ride Friday afternoon to Burlington and insists on going by car. If there's space in your sedan or a perch in your Prius, leave a message for her at the Front Desk. She promises to keep you on your toes during the drive with a rousing re-interpretation of the *Pirates of Penzance* songbook, a detailed autopsy of *Die Mannschaft's* footy failings, or her can't fail lecture on the history of Glen Watch plaid.

Check Out My Running Man

The Charlie Orr Memorial 5K Run will take place July 31 and will debut a new course layout. More trails and less road, say the course designers. **Locomotion begins at 8 am** and lasts 15-45 minutes, depending on training, previous night's dancing, and innate competitiveness. Come out to run, walk, or cheer.

Barbeques, Vampires, And Caffeinated Brown Water

Tomorrow's All School Picnic, open to all members of the community and their families, **will begin on the West Lawn at 6 pm**. Tasty BBQ, sunny skies, and the incipient weekend all promise to lift your spirits after days of rain. While the only blood-sucking nasties on display will be the black flies, just you wait until **7 pm when Twilight: New Moon** graces the screen in **Barn 1**. Dash the last memories of lycanthropy by quaffing coffee and discovering the hidden talents of your classmates after the movie ends. **The Coffeehouse begins at 9 pm**.

By The Brook I Rest My Head

The gents down 125 have invited the community to uncover one of the hidden gems of dorm-dom: Castle Brandy Brook **this Friday afternoon**. Delightful conversation will ensue, tours of the garden shall commence, and an in-depth appraisal of highway construction workers early morning habits ought to bring you traipsing through their door.

No Internet For TWO Days? Nah, I'm Not Stressin'

Surely, wireless access can't be *that* important to your paper. If deadlines, dwindling research opportunities, or three unread Faulkner novels have got your blood pressure rising, consider banding together with your crew and submitting the *Top Ten Indicators of Bread Loaf Stress* to **mailbox 2266**. **No internet=no BreadNet**. Deep breath...

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Events

Today:

Hoops	1:45 pm
Brandy Brook	afternoon
All School Picnic	6 pm
Movie	7 pm
Coffeehouse	9 pm

Sunday:

Blue Parlor	7 pm
Earthlings Movie	9 pm

Menu

Lunch: tahini haddock over quinoa; mediterranean chick pea sauté over couscous; spanikopita

Dinner: BBQ chicken; grilled sausage; black bean burgers; grilled corn; watermelon

Weather

Today: temperate 76/63

Saturday: suppressive 83/60

Ahead: a chance of internet

*In human relations, kindness
and lies are worth a thousand
truths.*

-Graham Greene-

Internet Access Restored!

Just think how happy you'll be when this headline's actually true. Until then, continue grumbling and wondering what exactly happens when your friends don't have hourly Status Updates to read. Terrible, terrible, most terrible! You may be interested to know that the problem is related to fiber optic cables damaged by Wednesday's High Wind in Jama...Ripton. You may *not* want to know that there's still no timeline for techno-restoration (sounds like a steampunk flight of fancy), but the Marquis of Macintosh has steadfastly spoken in terms of days, not hours. So, see you down at Midd Library, eh?

Are They In Tech Stage? No, Sir. They've Gone Plaid

Faye Christensen, whose perfect penmanship the *Crumb* Bum would never have seen if not for the aforementioned internet lupe fiasco, sends word that rehearsals for *Mad Forest* have reached the tech stage. It's not viable, much less apropos, to cruise in and out of Theater during run-throughs. Seating now blocks the rear access and all other doors are stage entrances. Please consider yourself welcome, however, to take a seat when the cast's not actively working. Make your discreet getaway during one of the breaks between acts.

Scattered Pictures In The Corners Of My Mind

Not to worry. The BL Theater Crew does a much finer job in keeping order over its own memories. Next week, make a point to check out the scrapbooks of Bread Loaf theatrical shows from the last four decades. The pictures, non-digital in keeping with recent days' theme, will transport you to earlier times, like the 90s, and can be found near the fireplace in Davison Library. Look for familiar faces in tasty roles from Shakespeare, Ibsen, and Stoppard.

Desire Admits No Impediment, Overflows Every Boundary

Christian Gregory, the DA's, and scores of others have been hard at work preparing for **Saturday's Suppressed Desires dance at 9 pm in the Barn**. In an enlightened fit of synergy, organizers have chosen "Mad Forest" as the evening's theme. Since you're probably already finished with that "Pillow Talk in Othello" paper, stop in to the Barn Saturday afternoon and lend a hand decorating. You needn't wear a costume to gain admission that night, but why not have a blast shopping for, constructing, and rocking that Technicolor Dreamcoat with matching kithornoi?

Our DJ's have posted a Music Request Sheet on the bulletin board right outside the Dining Hall so you can tailor your evening to taste. I'm thinking that Burt Bacharach/Big Pun duet should get the party started... To hide away in a demure spot/duct tape to your arm/hang from a tree branch outside the Barn: your ID in case you wanna get served; your camera (with a name on it this time, Nico); your dignity (optional).

Early Bird Special

Continuing a recent BL tradition, the residents of Annex, Cherry, and Larch invite each and every one of you to their respective porches in **the hour or so before Suppressed Desires begins**. Your then-non-sweaty costume will look fabu, pics will be taken, and vivaciousness will pour forth from golden bowls among the whispering stars. Come on over when you see more than three people dressed for action or you start to hear the buzz and shouts.

Taste The Flavor Of Love Down By The Brook

The upstanding gentlemen from Brandy Brook colony do humbly invite you to their Edenic retreat down 125 **this afternoon** for camaraderie, stress relief, fruit of the vine, and poesie d'amour. I call Catullus #233; now, that's some spicy talk. Neruda always nails it at this sort of reading, too, but you're encouraged to bring your preferred versification and anything else you might need to get in the mood.

Omerhodzic Redux Redux

Since Wednesday's weather-imposed Luddism obviated *Earthlings*, Shaun Monson's documentary on speciesism and animal (mis)treatment, Sabina will try again in **Barn 1 Sunday at 9 pm**.

TGIF

Yes, we really do study here too, but there's only so much library time you can log. Therefore, recall that you can choose your own adventure from the smorgasbord of events today: **the previously pipped Brandy Brook poetry jam, the All School Picnic at 6 pm on West Lawn, Twilight: New Moon at 7 pm in Barn 1, then Bread Loaf's Coffeehouse at 9 pm.**

Directive: Find More Frost

If you only scratched the surface of your Frost fixation with Mr. Stanlis yesterday evening, you're in luck. Bread Loaf's own Professor John Elder plans a talk **Sunday, July 25 at 4 pm at the Ripton Community Church**. His "Robert Frost and the Forests of Vermont" will lay bare the intersection between the poet's local surroundings and his imaginative output.

DA's Assist On Lifts And Lists

The Treman Three achieve apotheosis in the eye of this *Crumb* editor. This week, they merely set up, broke down, and oiled the gears for four guests' visits, provided livery service for the same, ran *two* Wednesday receptions without power, made possible the return of Jim Maddox, got Emily Bartels safely winging toward Oxford, organized the t-shirt affair, planned the Coffeehouse, *and* submitted the best Top Ten entries of the bunch. Renee, Georgia, Eric: you're exceptional. Thank you. The rest of us have been tearing our hair out, cursing the seven gods of the internet, frantically deleting whole pages of papers, sweating deadlines, and speed reading for class. Thus, exclusively from the Director's Assistants, the *Top Fifteen Indicators of Bread Loaf Stress*.

- 15) You just grabbed *Falling Down* from Netflix because Michael Douglas sure seemed put together.
- 14) The Waitstaff provides only spoons at meals
- 13) Someone asks you if you share a hairdresser with Paul Muldoon.
- 12) You can't stop yourself from using terms like synaesthesia, liminality, and caesura in conversations with Oliver Green-Lewis. Of course, with no damage to his extreme lovability, he then corrects you. You rush to change your paper's thesis.
- 11) You're not sure if it's you or your roommate scribbling "redrum" on the walls at night.
- 10) Just pave it! Pave it all—the road, the Mountain, the Frost Trail! Let's get a Wal-Mart and a BP oil well, too!
- 9) You arrive in East Midd and discover you've forgotten how to use your cell phone.
- 8) You're getting to really like the pleasant melody of coyotes at night.
- 7) You think your paper comparing the twins in *Twelfth Night* to the twins in *Sweet Valley High* might really get published.
- 6) The shiny box at Two Brothers completely mystifies you, and you can't comprehend words like "email" or "Google."
- 5) You ask the crazy-mustached, glittering-eyed construction worker holding the Stop/Slow sign to proofread your paper while you wait.
- 4) You ask the crazy-mustached, glittering-eyed construction worker holding the Stop/Slow sign to Suppressed Desires.
- 3) You pick him up in a backhoe, dressed as the crazy-mustached, glittering-eyed construction worker holding the Stop/Slow sign.
- 2) You find yourself nodding and thinking "yeah, that makes sense" when re-reading "The Tell-Tale Heart."
- 1) Even the members of Skullflesh are doing work.

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Events

Today:

Madrigalists 5 pm

Soccer 6:45 pm

Alvarez Reading 7:30 pm

Tuesday:

Softball 6:45 pm

Writing Center Group 7 pm

Internat'l Trip Group 7 pm

Iliad, Iliad! Opens 7:30 pm

Menu

Lunch: quiche lorraine with
bacon, onion, & swiss;
tomato, asparagus,
portabella quiche; italian
wedding soup

Dinner: basalmic chicken
thighs; fried green tomato
with roasted garlic aioli

Weather

Today: sunny/windy 81/58

Tuesday: mo hotta 87/62

Wednesday: oh mercy 89/65

Nought's had, all's spent

Where our desire is got without content.

-the Upstart Crow-

Alvarez Has Something To Declare

Writer-in-residence and former professor at Middlebury College, Bread Loaf friend **Julia Alvarez will read tonight at 7:30 in the Barn.** Ms. Alvarez has collected dozens of awards and honors for her fiction, essays, books for young readers, and poetry, most recently the 2009 F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature. Her work has long been considered indispensable reading for the contemporary fiction scholar. Check out *A Cafecito Story* for a taste of but one 'outside' project that Ms. Alvarez has spun into gold. Then, arrive early tonight to get a comfy seat and listen to a fantastic storyteller in top form.

I Been All Around The World, From London To L.A.

Have you led an international trip with students? Are you thinking about planning a trip overseas? You're invited to an open conversation with members of Margery Sabin's "Fiction of Empire" class about how to navigate the logistical—and especially the ethical challenges—of educational travel abroad. Take a (short!) break from writing your papers and share your experiences or your questions **Tuesday evening from 7-8 pm in Barn 1.**

Daguerrotypical Memory Book

No digital media were used in the creation of the Bread Loaf Theater Scrap Book now on display in Davison Library. Stunning, I know. Pause a moment to peruse the history of summer drama on the Mountain (that is, the drama that *doesn't* take place after Suppressed Desires). Extra points if you can spot current faculty members in productions before 1990.

Scene: You're Meeting On The West Lawn Porch...

It's **12:30 pm, just before lunch on Wednesday.** Lili and Christian have important information to impart, only some of which can be found in the most recent electronic missive from your Co-Presidents. Be there; candy will disbursed for 100% attendance.

Captain Kirk Grounded, Needs Your Help

Dana Kirk "desperately" needs a ride to Burlington **Thursday.** She's happy to leave any time after 11 am, promises to act the "perfect hairdresser: silent or talkative depending on driver's preference," and will pay for petrol. Take talkative; she's got a great story re: tribbles.

Dactylic Debut

Renee Lewin and the entire cast of Don Zolidis's *Iliad, Iliad, Iliad* invite you to the **Barn Tuesday at 7:30 pm** to watch young (and not so young) actors bring the Trojan War to our Mountaintop. You'll be forced to give time where time's due. This crew has put together a doozy: laughs, battles, magic, moments of such poignancy that even stern Achilles might cast a sigh and shed a tear. The short performance will be followed by a reception of brownies and lemonade. Come on out and watch the next generation of BL actors.

Eight Ain't Enough

The 2010 Bocce Tournament has rounded the penultimate bend. Elite Eight games have begun and will continue apace this week. To wit, Jesse and Matty, Team Trucknuts, have recently won the Post-Structuralist Region and await the winner of the Split Infinitives (newcomers Xander and Lucy) vs. Oxford Commas (Adam and Christo) match. After winning the Noah's Ark game in the last round, the almost-dry team of Eric and Peter (Eye of Newt) will play for the New Critics Regional Championship against Aynsley and Katie (Leave the Pants at Home). Renee and Stu (so powerful a team they don't need no stinkin' sobriquet) clash with Mezeske, Hincker, and Wood in the New Historicist Region Final. Alberto Contador's got nothing on *these* endurance fiends.

Animals Outstanding In Their Field

Arlo, an Irish Water Spaniel who traveled to Bread Loaf with Michael and Drake, is looking for some new doggie pals. He's a sixteen month old 75 pounder who's kind and curious. Want to set up a play date with your pooch? Contact Michael Cadden over Bread Net. From the 'did you just see that?!' file, Barn Easters and a lucky few who happened to be on the stone bench thereabouts yesterday evening were witness to a moose cow on the fields. Lumbering from the Tamarack hill toward John's Pond, the mama moose paused for a photo shoot, then turned and slipped into the trees. The luminous, liquid moon lifting above the ridge line completed the iconic BL scene. Wow.

Recovery Group Meeting

The AA Recovery Group will meet **today in Barn A at 5 pm**. All interested are invited to attend.

5-7-5

The poet of Japanese short forms knows haiku mastery takes a lot more than simple syllable counting. Want to read haiku from one of our own devotees? Peter Newton was recently selected as the guest poet in the month of August at Cornell University's Daily Haiku website. Part of the long-established Mann Library Series, the haiku showcase features a slate of powerful, adroit poems. Peter invites anyone interested in Japanese short forms (tanka, senryu, haibun, or haiku) to stop by the Front Desk for a chat. www.haiku.mannlib.cornell.edu

Ceases 'cuse Me? Is This Seat Taken?

Wednesday's opening night of the 2010 Bread Loaf Theater performance. *Mad Forest* and the Madrigalists will entertain, enliven, and otherwise knock your socks off. There are still a handful of tickets available, though some nights have sold out. Be certain you've procured yours. Arrive early enough to catch all of the *a cappella* excellence, then settle in for the eagerly anticipated evening's show. This one certainly falls under "Can't Miss" on your List of Bread Loaf Things To Do.

Once A Runner

The 26th Annual Charlie Orr 5K Run/Walk will begin **Saturday, July 31 at 9 am**. Read John L. Parker's cult classic before then and increase your chances of winning by 50%. [Again To Carthage](#) is the recent-ish sequel.

Hope Deferred Makes The Heart Sick, But A Desire Fulfilled Is The Tree Of Life

Huge shouts of gratitude to all who made Saturday's dance a rousing success: DA's, DJ's, decoration crew, & others. Costume Hall of Fame: Toy Story Posse, Roller Derby Queens, Doc Holliday, Huddle, the Jetsons, Trucker, My Little Pony, Angler Fish, Tapped Maple Tree, and Hunter S. Thompson.

What's In Your All-time Playlist?

Strangely and preemptively nostalgic as it may sound, the *Crumb* news staff has turned retrospective. Flatbread feasts, wind whistling the leaves behind Davison as you type the last words of your paper, Suppressed Desires debauchery, or realizing the sun's set after you lost yourself in conversation with a new friend. Time to press rewind, friends, and submit your *Top Ten Iconic Bread Loaf Moments of 2010* to **Hincker on Bread Net by Friday at 10 am**. Sure, you're channeling Kerouac (note: skip the bennies) to get all your work done. But there's some old saw about smelling the roses that springs to mind. You can also drop a hard copy of your list in **mailbox 2266**.

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Events

Today:

Softball 6:45 pm

Writing Center Group 7 pm

Internat'l Trip Group 7 pm

"Iliad Blowout" 7:30 pm

Wednesday:

Soccer 6:45 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Mad Forest 8 pm

Menu

Lunch: salmon cakes in tartar sauce; cheese raviolis with red pepper coulis; broccoli/almond soup

Dinner: grilled pork loin or grilled jerk veggies with shrooms, pineapple, & green chili mash

Weather

Today: warming up 86/62

Wednesday: here we go 90/69

Words were all he knew; they possessed and overwhelmed him, as if they were a thousand white cats with whom he shared a one-room apartment.

-Mark Helprin-

Iliad In Digest Form: "Get Off Your Duff Already, Achilles"

Renee Lewin and the BL Young Actors Guild proudly present "Iliad Blowout" from the Don Zolidis *Greek Mythology Olympiaganza* play **tonight at 7:30 pm in the Barn**. After a summer-long diet of olive oil and roasted beef flanks wrapped in bull fat, our 2/3 size ancient Greeks stand ready to transport you to the gates of Troy. Grab a front row seat for this thirty minute whirlwind tour of the Homer you must have forgotten. **Actors in the show are asked to arrive at 7 pm**. All cast members, families, and audience members are hereby invited to a reception immediately following the show, also in the Barn.

Two Dozen Teens At Fiesta De San Fermin? Not To Worry...

Have you led an international trip with students? Are you thinking about planning a trip overseas? You're invited to an open conversation with members of Margery Sabin's "Fiction of Empire" class about how to navigate the logistical—and especially the ethical challenges—of educational travel abroad. Share your experiences, ask your questions, or simply listen and learn **tonight from 7-8 pm in Barn 1**.

Write On, Dude!

Jen Hansum's Writing Center Discussion Group will gather in the **Blue Parlor this evening at 7 pm**. As we're gearing up for a return to home schools, tonight's focus will be on starting, bolstering, or otherwise invigorating Peer- and Faculty-led Writing Centers. Jen's also available for individual conferences and would love to share resources with Loafers who expect to spearhead a new Writing Center this fall. Contact her over Bread Net.

Privileges Of Seniority

Members of the Class of 2010: please congregate on the **West Lawn Porch at 12:30 pm, just before lunch on Wednesday**. Christian and Lili have summer's end business that's muy importante para ti. Andale! The Co-Presidents have promised to perform the Happy Dance for the class if 100% attendance is reached.

Recycled Crumbs Become LEED-Certified House Of Fiction

Bea and Henry James remind you to take your *Crumb* with you on your way out the Dining Room door. Drop it in a recycling bin or right back where you found it; Piney says thank you from his coniferous and deciduous friends.

Friends, Romanians, Countrymen...

Looks like Mark Antony walked into the wrong play. Coulda been worse if it was Marc Anthony (tell me, baby girl, 'cause I need to know) in *Mad Forest*, which opens **tomorrow at 8 pm**. Caryl Churchill's play, you may recall from reading these pages sometime in the last five weeks, takes place in the roiling, uncertain times surrounding Ceausescu's imprisonment and execution. Almost all tickets have been snagged, but there's still space at a handful of shows. If your theater plans have changed, you can always exchange your tix for another night. The Front Desk, paragon of succor, can help you with that. Feelin' lucky, punk? Should you ache for the jolt of excitement that comes from the unknown, you could also just mosey up to Faye Christensen a few minutes before showtime and ask if a no-show has just transmogrified into your new seat. Bam! Winner, winner, chicken dinner.

Senior Trip!

Of course, it's only to the Front Desk, but you could play Tom Petty on your iPod and pack an overnight bag to really get in the mood. When you arrive at your destination, be certain you've turned in all money and reservations for Graduation weekend **before August 2**. If your kids (or a family member's) want to take a trip to Croutons on the night of Graduation, you can set up that childcare service by calling 388-2208.

The Waiting Game

You don't need to be an aspiring actor trying to survive between auditions to wait tables here. In fact, you'd really be doing a number of people a favor...and making a little extra jack in the process. If you're sticking around for Graduation (August 7) and can take the place of our erstwhile servers, please contact Andy Mezeske. Wait. A few extra days on the Mountain, no work to do, carrying food from the kitchen to a table, *and* they pay you? Sweet.

Allergeez

Although it's hard to believe, reports have surfaced of some allergy-hobbled eaters unable to get their sustenance. From our lactose- and gluten-free compadres: "Please don't request our specially made meals, even if you don't care for the meat or veggie option. When the kitchen runs out, we can't eat. That makes us sad. And hungry. But mostly sad."

Overseas Gravy

From the International *Crumb* Offices come these tidbits, tastily served up by Big Smooth (aka Dave Montgomery):

Oxford, Or What You Will

Fact or Fiction?

1. A rogue pigeon was spotted invading a Lincoln College dorm room...the very same day, two Bread Loafers dined on pigeon at the Maudlin Arms...coincidence?
2. A committee has been formed and is plotting details for an end-of-year, Suppressed Desires-esque pageant/talent show involving cross-dressing and performance that has loosely been titled "A Midsummer Night's --- Dream"
3. It has rained for 11 straight nights in Oxford. We are eagerly awaiting a Twelfth Night of rain...The rain indeed raineth every day.
4. Big Smooth, the reporter abroad, is hard at work developing an essay which will situate the cinematic masterpiece Wedding Crashers within Shakespearean contexts.
5. Bread Loaf vet Tuan Phan has arranged a series of ultimate frisbee match-ups between the English grad students and the "Science Nerds"...the Loafers took victory in the first game, prompting one proud English student to proclaim "Oh, the Humanities!"

Answers: 1,2,4,5—Fact. The weather's actually been really delightful, though I don't know how hot or cold since everything's in Celsius. Plus, the language barrier's been a significant problem for me. I guess that's why this is an immersion program...

BLSE On Facebook

Looking for a way to procrastinate/clear your head from papers/catch up with Big Smooth and your other friends on faraway campuses? Head over to the Bread Loaf Facebook page at: facebook.com/BreadLoafSchoolofEnglish. 193 peeps have already 'liked' the page. Care to become 194? While we're on the subject, a number of you have gently asked for community-wide...restraint and good sense when cropping, posting, and tagging pictures taken this summer. There's a reason it's called the *World Wide* Web after all. Your discretion is heartily appreciated. . Gracias, amigos.

Everybody's Working For The Weekend

Friday's movie in the Barn is *The Big Lewbowski*. Costumes encouraged. Saturday's Dance will run **11 pm to 1 am**.

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Events

Today:

Senior Meeting 12:30 pm

Soccer 6:45 pm

Yoga 7:30 pm

Mad Forest 8 pm

Thursday:

Mad Forest 8 pm

Gilmore moonrise

Menu

Lunch: lemon pepper pulled pork over cornbread; veggie paella; tomato-apple-celery soup; soy lent green

Dinner: meatloaf n' chipotle ketchup; veggie chili; polenta; haggis

Weather

Today: t-storm later? 87/68

Thursday: clouds 80/58

The Sage of Newton Heath

When the seagulls follow the trawler, it is because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea.

-Eric Cantona

Teleorman Has Arrived

Mad Forest arose from the ashes of the Ceausescu regime in 1990. Caryl Churchill and a host of students from the Central School of Speech and Drama in London traveled to Romania only months after the dictator was deposed and executed. Tonight's play features reams of dialogue taken directly from the lips of Romanian citizens who lived through these tension-filled days. But, while some of the play may sound journalistic, because it's Churchill you've still got some curious, unexpected twists lying in wait. Alan MacVey, the Acting Company, and the entire Theater Staff have a real treat in store for you. Be sure to **arrive about twenty minutes before the 8 pm showtime** for the Madrigalists' performance. If you're not making it to Opening Night, please use your ninja training to stay extra quiet when walking behind the Inn or around Davison Library. Last thing: there will be a spelling and pronunciation quiz prior to your checkout over the following—Timisoara, Securitate, and "Deșteaptă-te, române." Enjoy that.

The Waiting Is The Hardest Part

Tom Petty never had the pleasure of working at the Bread Loaf Dining Hall, so you can forgive his ignorance on *Hard Promises*. However, should you, fair reader, plan to stay through **Graduation on August 7**, consider donning the mantle of power that is a Waitstaff Apron. Your duties will consist of keeping glasses full of beverage, hauling plates with food from kitchen to table, cleaning after the crowd's gone, and cracking one-liners with all your Senior friends and their families. Your remuneration package includes a stack of Thomas Jeffersons, stock options in Old Piney Inc., the everlasting gratitude of Andy Mezeske and Amy Appel, plus your first look at that Graduation prize of prizes: the Gamaliel Painter Cane. Contact Andy or Amy on Bread Net or at a meal to lend a hand.

Picture of Perfection

School photos are now available at the Front Desk. A 5X7 will run you \$8, while an 8X10 sets you back 15 ducats. Choose from any of these categories: All School, Waitstaff, Faculty, or BL Staff. Or buy one of each and make yourself a little scrapbook. It's like your Facebook page, but real. Ed Brown will accept orders through **Friday at 9 am**.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Toss this *Crumb* in a recycling bin once you leave the Dining Hall!

To The Seniors, To Make Much Of Time

When you're passing by the Front Desk, double check that you've turned in all money and reservations for Graduation weekend **before August 2**. If your kids (or a family member's) want to hang with the Croutons on the night of Graduation, you can set up that childcare service by calling 388-2208. Be not coy, but use your time without the young 'uns to grab a diploma, say thank you to professors, and bask in the glow of academic achievement.

Time Keeps On Slippin', Slippin', Slippin' Into The Future

Don't blame the messenger, but it's about time to wrap your mind around a few uber-important items that need your attention before you hit the dusty and head home. Departure Check Lists will be posted around campus to remind you that Bread Loaf needs your feedback. Since some of ya'll (primarily Southern educators) need to make tracks quickly, this message affects you immediately. Please:

1. Notify the Front Desk of your departure date
2. Submit your on-line re-enrollment for the 2011 session
3. E-mail program evaluation to Elaine Lathrop
4. Turn in course evaluations to Elaine
5. E-mail off-campus housing evaluation to Karen Browne
6. Keep your ID cards; you'll need them to access grades

A Home Elsewhere

Members of Dixie Goswami's Evolving Forms of Literacy class will exhibit the products of their research and labor **this Friday, July 30 at 11:15 am and Sunday, August 1 at 11 am**. Their exhibition takes its title from Robert Stepto's recent memoir and will **convene in Barn 1**. Expect projects on talismanic BL objects, hidden pockets of Bread Loaf brilliance, and the interplay between individual and community identities on the Mountain. This event's undoubtedly one to mark on the To Do List.

The Walls Of Mighty Ilium Blazed And Fell

Cheers and applause to the bevy of folks who made last night's *Iliad*, *Iliad*, *Iliad* aka *Iliad Blowout* aka the scene from *The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza* such a rousing success. An ample audience roared appreciatively for the hard work and comic timing of BL's Young Actors of Promise and Merit. Renee Lewin wishes to thank once more the parents of her actors, Stu Guthrie, and Jen Miers for their time, effort, and support. The rest of us who watched spell-bound want to offer a virtual Standing O to Renee for masterminding the whole shebang. Well done to each and every participant in the play!

A Semiotic Analysis Of Acoustic Guitars, Yellow Buildings, And Pine Trees

Students and staff alike have begun to **drop notes in mailbox 2266, or to Hincker on Bread Net**, detailing their *Top Ten Iconic Bread Loaf Moments* for Friday's *Crumb*. As you're completing your Departure Check List, attending the *A Home Elsewhere* exhibition, lounging by the fire at Gilmore, or casting your memory over the summer with friends on the porch, please do jot these scenes down. I know there are still miles to go before you sleep, but I positively guarantee that gathering a small crew and revisiting your favorite scenes will do you good. If not, Friday's *Crumb* is free.

Run, Walk, Orr Sashay In Saturday's 5K

With your work (mostly) finished, **July 31 at 9 am** seems like a perfect time to build up a nice sweat, this one *not* brought on by malfunctioning jump drives, impending deadlines, or incomprehensible passages from Foucault. So, take part in the 26th Annual Charlie Orr 5K Run/Walk. Mr. Orr epitomized the Bread Loaf student during his tenure here in the mid-80's—leaping into classes, sports, friendships, and a host of activities with abandon. After his untimely death, Charlie's friends began organizing this event in his memory. Come out on Saturday to weave yourself a little more closely into the fabric of BL.

Will All Great Neptune's Ocean Wash This Mud Clean From My Ride?

If the dagger you see before you is sharpened for the water truck that turns 125 into a mud slick, it's time to hit the car wash. Many Loafers have pipped the Exchange Street Carwash because it's touchless, cheap (-ish), and thorough. Run Route 7N through the wicked traffic roundabouts at the Green, then take a left at the stoplight near the Swift House Inn. Exchange Street is your very next right turn at the four-way stop. Car wash is 2/3 of the way down on your right. Bonus: you can stop by Otter Creek Brewing Company or the Marbleworks right after to reward yourself for having an auto that's cement dust-free. Gotta shine that hoopty before you head home...

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Events

Today:

Mad Forest 8 pm

Gilmore later

Friday:

Wimble Loaf Final 12 pm

Mad Forest 8 pm

Movie 9 pm

Menu

Lunch: chicken or eggplant
parmesan over angel hair
pasta; tuscan bean soup

Dinner: haddock fricasee;
spinach pesto with
portabellas & artichokes
over spaghetti

Weather

Today: sunshine 81/55

Friday: so nice 76/57

BL Final Week

It's a shame that the only thing a man can
do for eight hours a day is work. He can't
eat for eight hours; he can't drink for
eight hours; he can't make love for eight
hours (unless he's Sting). The only thing a
man (or woman, Valdemar) can do for
eight hours is work. -Faulkner-

It is your work in life that is the ultimate
seduction. -Picasso-

Ticked Off

No one's upset, but now that I've got your attention: *Mad Forest* has sold out. If, peradventure, you know you won't use the extra tickets you've procured, please turn them in at the Front Desk. Someone else may be waiting to see Churchill's play or wanting to curry favor with a professor by sitting in the front row for three straight nights. Those of you lucky enough to attend Opening Night, don't spoil the surprise for us. I'm really wondering how this Ceausescu fella fares.... In related news, Ariel Voorhees (no relation to Jason) has a Friday ticket she'd like to trade for Saturday or Sunday. Contact her on Bread Net or look for her waiting tables in the Dining Hall. She's the one in the white apron.

You're Not Kate Winslet, But You Can Still Be A (Peer) Reader

Enjoy working with writers? A number of paid peer reader positions will be available at the BLVT Writing Center next summer. If you plan to be back on the Mountain and are interested in applying, please send Jen Hansum message on Bread Net before the end of classes.

Photographic Memories

Today's the final day to order photographs from the summer. Ed Brown's turn at Ansel Adams has given you a choice of subjects. You can buy a Waitstaff pic, maybe a Faculty shot to complement, then a Staff portrait that features a number of handsome devils grinning from the back row. Most likely, I'm seeing the All School photo in your future. 5X7 costs \$8 and an 8X10 is \$15. **Order by 9 am tomorrow.**

Hit A Home Run For Team Earth And Be A Green Monster

Oof, that one hurt me, too. However, it's far more important that you pop this paper in a recycling bin when you leave the Dining Hall. Disconsolate *Crumbs*, stuccoed with parmesan and beet juice, make such a sad sight. Bea normally weeps when she sees people leave their lunch reading behind on the tables when it's smarter to recycle on the way to class, room, or Barn. Thanks for keeping Vermont green.

We're Running Curaheel!

Saturday's Charlie Orr 5K Run/Walk promises to be far more enjoyable than Easy Company's training regimen. Arrive at John's Pond around 8:30 to warm up for the 9 am gun. Peter and Ed's course design features no Route 125 and a view of all your competitors.

Victors That Aren't Luftig

Congratulations once again to all the creative competition winners. Applause for:

Robert Haiduke Poetry—1st Prize: Sarah Getchell, "Ibex in the Hurricane;" 2nd Prize: Lili Zimmet, "Sunk;" 3rd Prize: Kyra Fries, "Burial." Honorable Mention: Tasha Graff, "Testimony;" John Oliver, "High Meadow;" Raphael Sydnor, "Mary." **Freeman Fiction**—Margaret Droge, "The Lake." **Bread Loaf Photography**—Vermont: Maureen Duffy (place) and Jen Miers (people); Oxford: Dhara Baiden (people) and Jessica Junquiera (place); Santa Fe: Chris Bass (place) and Jon Olson (people); Asheville: Simon Behan (both).

Time Waits For No One

While it was the first song recorded for the Stones' *It's Only Rock n' Roll*, this tune's never been played live. Hum it as you attend to the Very Important Agenda Items below. Departure Check Lists will be posted around campus to remind you that Bread Loaf needs your feedback. First thing, **fill out the slip at the bottom of this page and drop it in the envelope taped near the Front Desk**. Then, submit your on-line re-enrollment for the 2011 session, e-mail program evaluation to Elaine Lathrop, turn in course evaluations to Elaine, e-mail off-campus housing evaluation to Karen Browne, keep your ID cards; you'll need them to access grades. Do not pass Go. Do not collect \$200.

The Shipping News

The Front Desk staff—among other skills like gene splicing, Jaguar repair, and jet ski mastery—possesses the power to mail boxes full of your belongings to an address of your choosing. If you flew across the sky in an aeroplane to get here or if you can no longer pummel your gear into submission, ship your stuff. Boxes and tape are your responsibility, but the Bookstore seems like a good place to start.

You Are Home

Dixie Goswami's Evolving Forms of Literacy class will present BL-specific cultural anthropology **this Friday, July 30 at 11:15 am and Sunday, August 1 at 11 am in Barn 1**. Learn from projects on Bread Loaf objects (an Isobel Armstrong fave), heretofore unheralded BL superstars, and the distinctions of diverse identities among Loafers. Here's an opportunity to open the watch and see all the gears.

Q: What's On JG-L's iPod?

A: Annie and the Beekeepers, Flock of Seagulls, Timbuk 3, and Dignable Planets. You can see one of these fine bands **Monday, August 2 at 7 pm**. Annie and the Beekeepers most devoted fan, Jenny Green-Lewis, has issued an open invitation to all Bread Loafers: come out and see this incredibly adept, folk and country inspired quartet at the BigTown BigTent Festival in Rochester, VT. Tickets are \$15 and can be yours with a call to (802) 767-9670. For more information about the festival that begins Saturday and runs all next week, head to www.bigtowngallery.com. A number of posters adorn the bulletin boards around campus with festival news as well.

August And Everything After

Rachel Dunn's got two hot tix for the Counting Crows/Augustana concert in Saratoga Springs for the same night as Annie and the Beekeepers (**August 2**). Face value is \$37 each. Maybe she's seen the wisdom of JG-L's recommendation. Maybe she's got last minute papers. Either way, you can help Rachel *and* see Adam Duritz et. al. Contact Rachel on Bread Net or start singing "Hanginaround" during lunch at top volume.

It's Raining In New Amsterdam, Sixty Miles East

Julia Griffin has lost her beloved raincoat. It's gray and black with a small label on the front reading "Wild Things." No word if that's a Sendak or a Neve Campbell reference. Patrick Martin has been quite chilly without his green Marmot jacket as well. Can you help to find raiment for these fine folks?

Ni Hao Footballers

Chris Bottomley invites all soccer players to battle against the Chinese School **this Sunday at 11 am in Midd**.

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Movie 9 pm

Saturday:

Mad Forest 8 pm

Dance post-play

Sunday:

BL Exhibition 11 am

Mad Forest 8 pm

Blue Parlor 7 pm

Menu

Lunch: smoked apple, onion,
watercress, cheddar
quesadilla w/ or w/o bacon

Dinner: hot dogs; black bean
burgers; hamburgers; meat
chili; pasta salad; slaw

Weather

Today: yes! 76/49

Saturday: same sun 79/54

Sunday: some clouds 82/59

Running to him was real; the way he
did it the realest thing he knew. It
was all joy and woe, hard as a
diamond; it made him weary beyond
comprehension. But it also made
him free. -John L. Parker-

That Rug Really Tied The Room Together, Man

The Coen Brothers cult classic *The Big Lebowski* plays tonight at 9 pm in the Bread Loaf Barn Cineplex. While ours won't be a full Lebowski Fest like the nine-time Louisville event or seven-time Seattle one, you're still encouraged to consult your Inner Dude and drape yourself in suitable habiliments. Lawn bowling may occur post-show, but it won't be a league game, Walter. As ever, there'll be munchies to snack on while the silver screen's alight. Take a break from your paper on the tenets of National Socialism, (at least it's an ethos), and kick back for a couple of hours. The Dude abides.

It's The Lean Wolf That Leads The Pack

Tomorrow's Charlie Orr 5K Run/Walk begins at 9 am, but you'll likely want to start gathering around John's Pond at half-eight. That way, you can chat with other participants, get your stretch on, commit the race course to memory, and revel in the morning sun. Said course will keep you clear of the road dust and traffic of Route 125 and take you right past the vaunted Gilmore Estate. Up, then down 59 you go for a forested jaunt over swale and dell. Charlie Orr was a Bread Loaf student famed for his vivacity and generosity of spirit. The event honors his memory. Come out and join in the celebration, whether you walk, trot, meander, or grind.

Scenic Overlook

Even with the play's run over, you can still feed your theater jones by attending Monday's Directing Workshop's Final Scenes. Many of your classmates and friends will act in these student-directed short pieces. See you August 2 in the Little Theater at 7 pm.

Mad Forest Saw Mill

Alan MacVey invites all interested to an open discussion of the Caryl Churchill play **Monday, August 2 at 10 am in Barn A**. Actors, dramaturg, and director will provide insight into their process and answer questions from the floor. The discussion's part of Michael Cadden's Churchill and Stoppard class, but outside reading's not required before you arrive. Come and find out how long it took Craig to grow that kickin' mustache, hear about the difficulties of learning Romanian accents, or perhaps uncover some links between the fantastical-surrealistic scenes and the narrative backbone of the play. Whatever your scholastic focus, this session will pull the curtain back and let you walk around inside the play.

Needed For Summer 2011: Virgils To Guide Dantean Student Writers

Enjoy working with writers? A number of paid peer reader positions will be available at the BLVT Writing Center next summer. If you plan to be back on the Mountain and are interested in applying, please send Jen Hansum a message on Bread Net before the end of classes.

The Poet's Forge

Writers in Paul Muldoon and David Huddle's poetry classes will read from their summer's work **next Tuesday, August 3 at 7 pm in the Barn**. All community members are invited and encouraged to listen. Regular Blue Parlor attendees can expect new material, while first-timers, flush with the satisfaction of completed papers, can lean into creaky wicker comfort and lap up the lingual manna.

Tiiiiime Is On My Side, Yes It Is

Besides permanently freaking out thousands of people who watched *Fallen*, the Stones' cover of Jerry Ragovoy's tune also applies to you...just barely. As you start to tie things up, please give your attention to the Departure Checklists posted around campus. Bread Loaf needs your feedback. First thing, **fill out the slip at the bottom of this page and drop it in the envelope taped near the Front Desk**. Then, submit your on-line re-enrollment for the 2011 session, e-mail program evaluation to Elaine Lathrop, turn in course evaluations to Elaine, e-mail off-campus housing evaluation to Karen Browne, and keep your ID cards; you'll need them to access grades. Little trivia for you, since you've read this far: John Goodman had a great year in 1998, playing Walter Sobchak in *Lebowski*, Mighty Mack McTeer in *Blues Brothers 2000*, Jonesy/Azazel in *Fallen*, then his most highly regarded role, Santa, in *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Movie*.

You're Gonna Make Me Lonesome When You Go

But a salve to that wound would be a trip to the BL Bookstore for next week's sale. Every day between **August 2 and 6—8:15 am-2:30 pm**—you can score books and clothing at 15% off. Take your professor's voice home with you bound in paper and ink, or rep the Loaf with hoodie, golf shirt, or lid.

Sino-Riptonian Tension Increases Ahead Of Soccer Match

With high-flying goal scorers distracted by final papers, **Bread Loaf FC takes the field this Sunday at 11 am** against the Chinese Language School in need of a spark. Will dual athletes who run the Charlie Orr suffer the ignominious 'bonk' as they ask their tired legs to move? Can the midfield upset the Chinese rhythm and press the ball effectively? Will the advent of August move Leo into the House of the Sun, giving an astrological advantage to our English speaking scholars? You'll only know if you come to play or cheer. Contact Chris Bottomley, live or on Bread Net, for all the salient details.

Self-Portrait In A Bread Loaf Mirror

Dixie Goswami's Evolving Forms of Literacy class exhibited this morning and will do so again **Sunday, August 1 at 11 am in Barn 1**. Learn from projects on Bread Loaf objects, often untouted mainstays of the BL experience, and the permeable threshold between individual and community identities here on the Mountain.

Shake Your Moneymaker

Saturday's dance will begin between 11 and 11:30 pm, whenever the play lets out and you cast aside your computer in favor of Happy Feet, the Robot, and that crowd favorite The Sprinkler (yeah, I'm looking at you). Blow off some steam, cool down with a drink (provided you bring your ID), and tear the roof off the Barn. All musical requests are welcomed.

Full House: It's Not Just Great TV Anymore

John Munro and Emily Gooch hope to interest card sharps and newcomers alike (especially you) in a friendly, non-gambling (that'd be illegal in this state) **poker game Saturday at 8 pm in Barn 1**. Bread Net them with interest.

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Today:

Directing Scenes 7 pm

Soccer 7 pm

Tuesday:

Poetry Classes Read 7 pm

Softball 7 pm

Wednesday:

Last Day of Classes

Thursday:

Senior Prom 9 pm

Menu

Lunch: chicken or portabella pesto with broccoli over fettucine; veggie-rice soup

Dinner: chicken cacciatore over linguine; navratan korma over basmati rice

Weather

Today: pm t'storms 78/65

Tuesday: more storms 84/67

Every man's memory is his private literature.

—Aldous Huxley—

The answers you get from literature depend on the questions you pose.

—Margaret Atwood—

...And: Scene

Student in Alan MacVey's Directing Workshop will present their final scenes **tonight in the Little Theater at 7 pm**. Everyone is invited to attend the shindig. The scenes feature your waitstaff, classmates, roomies, and friends, either as directors or actors. Likely, you'll be entranced and wish to see all of the work; however, should you need to dip in and out, please come and go only between scenes. The schedule's variable and it goes a lil' somethin' like this:

- 7:00** *Something Unspoken* by Tennessee Williams, directed by Jonathan Coppadge
7:25 From *The Piano Lesson* by August Wilson, directed by Jackson Garcia
7:45 From *The Betrayal* by Harold Pinter, directed by Meredith Hasemann-Cortes
8:10 *The Open Road* by Steve Tesich, directed by Laura Tabbutt
8:30 From *Far Away* by Caryl Churchill, directed by Leslie Howes

Charlie, Orr What You Will On A Divine Saturday Morning

Thanks to race organizers Peter Newton and Ed Brown, the 26th Annual Charlie Orr 5K Run/Walk went off without a hitch. Dozens of participants hurtled, gamboled, trotted, and strutted underneath azure skies and dappled leaves. John Munro made his circuit without a drop spilled, a tough ask over the accordion ridges just near his Gilmore perch. Jane Shamaeva and Jen Miers were universally adjudged to possess the greatest race spirit, tossing goodness and light upon all entrants they encountered. Ben "I'm half your age and twice as fast as you are, Dude" Freedman cruised to a third place overall finish and a time of 25:02. Anita Rackovan took home the Women's Prize, loping her way to a 25:21 three-mile time. And young Laird Kopp, set to ink a deal with Nike in the wake of his Orr race ownership, won the Men's Prize—again—with a time of 22:37. To all who made the race happen, in ways large and small, especial thanks!

Goodbye, Ruby Tuesday

You'll not want to miss dinner at the Dining Hall tomorrow evening when Jim Maddox will cook up his closing remarks to the School after, of course, cooking up his special Goat's Head Soup. Ignore the Stones references, but not the sentiment: it's about time to say farewell and for such an occasion, our full company is required. Tasty fare from the kitchen and a Summer 2010 retrospective? Still, I'm gonna miss you.

Make Wassail With Bookstore's Sale

I know what you're thinking. 15% off books and Bread Loaf clothing...paarrrrtaay! Get there early for the pick of the litter: Homo Sacer and the fuschia, puce, and taupe lederhosen with **BredLoaf Rulz** embroidered on the front. Watch out for flying elbows and the ol' "hey, what's that over there?" trick from your fellow shoppers. Cats can get *crazy* around here like parents who want that Beanie Baby on Christmas Eve.

Slip N' Slide Show

Watch your step when you arrive in the **Barn tonight at 9 pm**. Ed Brown's annual slide show has been known to crank up the waterworks. Makes for some dodgy footing. All that "don't mind me me. I'm not here. Keep doing that. No, not *that*. That!" business from Ed will conclude with roughly thirty minutes of Bread Loaf memories. In case you've forgotten the exact dimensions of an Adirondack chair, Ed will have plenty of helpful snapshots to jog your recollection. The pictorial chronicle of our time together will also run **Tuesday at 9 pm and Wednesday at 8 pm**.

"The Time Has Come," The Walrus Said

We'll talk about many things, but first, please give your attention to the Departure Checklists posted around campus. Bread Loaf needs your feedback. **Fill out the slip at the bottom of this page and drop it in the envelope taped near the Front Desk**. Then, submit your on-line re-enrollment for the 2011 session, e-mail program evaluation to Elaine Lathrop, turn in course evaluations to Elaine, e-mail off-campus housing evaluation to Karen Browne, and keep your ID cards; you'll need them to access grades.

"Write!" Said Fred

Think you're too sexy to be a peer reader for Summer 2011? Enjoy working with writers? A number of paid reader positions will be available at the BLVT Writing Center next summer. If you plan to be back on the Mountain and are interested in applying, please send Jen Hansum a message on Bread Net before the end of classes.

I'm Learnin' To Fly

Two Loafers are in need of rides to BTV—Burlington International Airport, don't ya know? Frustrated frontman **Dave O'Connell** takes his solo act on the road **Wednesday after class ends at 12:15 pm**. He's trying to make a 3:30 flight, will happily share gas expenses, and knows all the inside poop, er, scoop on Skullflesh. Make sure to ask for comments on the record (then provide them to the *Crumb* for publication). **Suzie Telep's got a Friday flight at 11 am that requires an arrival in Burlington around 9**. Any early morning B'town bound drivers out there to give her a lift? Drop either of your fellow students a line on Bread Net or leave notes for them at the Front Desk.

English Gladiators Vanquish Chinese Foes

I don't know how to say *beat down* in Mandarin, but maybe those kind folks who gave Bread Loaf FC the game would. Mountain Campus soccer players provided nearly all the dramatics in Sunday's soccer contest. Simon Simon opened the scoring account with a marvelous rainbow header that left the Chinese keeper rooted. Next, Jay Jay Okocha and Boutros-Boutros Ghali got in on the act. The Chinese team did score a well-made, 1-2 goal, though the match never looked like swinging their way. Congratulate our players; you'll recognize them limping, bleeding, and re-enacting key plays all over campus today.

Regal Seniors Array Themselves In Finery

Sounds kinda nice, right? Only if you **pick up your Graduation Regalia in the Bookstore Thursday or Friday** my friend. The *Crumb* won't run those days, so you're on your own after classes end. Victoria Brown also urges Seniors to make final banquet seating requests and pay all outstanding bills. **Today's your deadline, gang**.

Looking To List?

Gather your guys, gals, friends, or accomplices and jot down a few favored memories from the summer. If you're game for it, we'll run the *Top Ten Iconic Bread Loaf Moments of 2010* in Wednesday's *Crumb*. Otherwise, it'll be Ed's pictorial mnemonic that will warm your cockles in the deep winter months. Set it all down for posterity.

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Today:

Farewell Dinner 6 pm

Poetry Classes Read 7 pm

Softball 7 pm

Writing Center Group 7 pm

Wednesday:

Last Day of Classes

Senior Reception 5 pm

Thursday:

Senior Prom 9 pm

Menu

Lunch: Korean bbq beef
shortrib on partisan crustini;
roasted veggies & asiago
over angel hair; asparagus
dill soup

Dinner: southern fried steak
w/ kale, buttermilk mashed
taters, chorizo gravy; rst'd
asparagus, shitakes, squash,
& red pepper bruniose

Weather

Today: slate skies 84/68

Wednesday: same 88/68

*Welcome ever smiles
And farewell goes out sighing.
-The Bard of Avon-*

Pirate Poets Debut Their Arrrrs Poetica

Swashbuckling students in Paul Muldoon and David Huddle's Poetry Writing classes will read from their work **tonight at 7 pm in the Barn**. After crossing the seven seas to be here, these nautical ne'er do wells have a few verses to share. Not content to expend their creative energies in pursuit of a rhyme for fo'c'sle, our Bread Loaf Buccaneers promise to entertain with a variety of poetic forms and subjects. So, set down your grog, put up the mainsail, and make for the Bay of Bright Rime this evening at first watch.

Feed Your Head

Find yourself starved for enticing, contemporary writing of the highest caliber when you arrive home after Bread Loaf? Hunger for the well-considered, adroit language of a new voice as you march through 10th grade research papers mid-December? You're in luck. **Copies of the *New England Review* are available in the Bookstore**. Edited by Bread Loaf's own Stephen Donadio, the *NER* has identified startling new talent and published the latest works of established fiction writers and poets. You'll find well wrought prose in myriad other forms besides, enough to span the distance between lit crit and creative personal essay. Consider a subscription once you've consumed that first volume. Tasty deal, right?

Catch A Loaf In Your Own Bread Net

Since the software has a million useful functions, you'll likely wish to stay plugged into Bread Net after you leave the Mountain. If you haven't already, download First Class from the BL website here: breadnet.middlebury.edu/clientdownloads/. You can navigate through the Bread Loaf website and find the same location behind the Bread Loaf Teacher Network link.

Slip Sliding Away

Paul and Artie G don't lend their voices to the soundtrack, but you should still make plans to see **Ed Brown's Summer Slide Show tonight at 9 pm or tomorrow at 8 pm in the Barn**. The uses of a fish-eye lens, the iconic wooden chairs scattered around campus, and candid shot upon candid shot (because Ed captures our unscripted best) of you, fair reader, will be on prominent display. Take a walk with Mnemosyne alongside friends before dipping your toes into icy Nepenthe on your way down 125. Christian Gregory's **2010 Senior Film to follow...**

You Really Have To Do This

Can't state it more plainly: **please fill out a departure slip and turn it into the Front Desk.** The staff needs to know where you'll be and how best to make next summer even better. Therefore, take a few moments and fill out your course evaluations and a program evaluation, then email those to Elaine Lathrop. If you're off-campus, please email Karen Browne your housing evaluation. And if you're into the whole future thing: submit your re-enrollment online for the 2011 session and check your grades using your BL ID card.

"Dude, It's August Already"

"Far out." Lebowsky's a Zen master, but he's got nothing on our very own Peter Newton. As reported in these pages earlier, Peter's been chosen the Guest Poet for the month of August at Cornell's Daily Haiku website (www.haiku.mannlib.cornell.edu). A long-time practitioner of this Japanese short form, Peter would relish a conversation about one-breath poetry. Check out his work, then chat him up at the Front Desk.

I'm Shipping Up To Boston

But *you* can send your stuff wherever you like. Remember the Front Desk can help send all your heaviest, newest, how the heck did I end up with this much stuff-est gear home. You provide boxes, tape, postage; they'll do the rest.

Leave With A List?

The pressure's subsiding. The rooms are emptying. Your friends are still here, though, and it's time to reminisce. Grab a porch perch, wrangle a few comrades, and set down your *Top Ten Iconic Bread Loaf Moments of 2010*. Submit your ideas to **Hincker on Bread Net by tomorrow at 10 am.**

The Tipping Point

You may have clucked approvingly when the fella in your Joyce class doubled as a stellar waiter at lunch. You might be still smiling as you recall the generosity and warmth of your housekeeping crew. It may be that your dorm, or lunch table, or "I just lost my first draft to a virus and, man, am I nasty" self put a little extra stress on a housekeeper or waiter this summer. Consider leaving a tip for each of these crews at the Front Desk before you leave, the amount of which lies entirely within your discretion.

Wimble Loaf Final: A Tale Of Forehands And Backsides

With a gallery of two dozen onlookers watching, Ed Brown took the Wimble Loaf Singles Title after an ably contested match against Ben Steinfeld, 7-6 and 6-4. Ed's languid ground game began overpowering Ben's serve and volley strategy in the late games of the first set. A number of fans lazed on the lawn near the clay courts, taking in a picturesque Vermont summer day and a well-fought, eminently sporting match. Near the end of the second set, an unidentified creature—some say a Green Mountain Wood-Wose, others an exceptionally tall leprechaun—shot from Davison Library and across Center Court clad in nothing but his smile, then beat a Hastings, er, hasty retreat.

I'm Leavin' On A Jet Plane

Can you help two of our own get to the Burlington Airport? **Dave O'Connell** would love to depart the Mountain **Wednesday anytime after class ends at 12:15 pm. Suzie Telep's got a Friday flight at 11 am that requires an arrival in Burlington around 9.** Any early morning B'town bound drivers out there to give her a lift? Drop either of your fellow students a line on Bread Net or leave notes for them at the Front Desk.

Seniors: Cap Off Your Time Here With A Nice Gown And Hood Ensemble

Sounds tres chic, right? Only if you **pick up your Graduation Regalia in the Bookstore Thursday or Friday.**

Community Requests

Please don't smoke in bathrooms or bring your dogs on campus. A number of Loafers have needed to clean their shoes recently after discovering that the unpleasant odor following them around emanated from a surprise under their feet. On a similarly (undesirably) hectoring note, Inn bathrooms are not the spot for flammables of any sort. Fire is the single most dangerous threat to old buildings like ours. Kindly keep your smoke outdoors. Many thanks.

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The Crumb

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Events

Today:

Last Day of Classes

Senior Reception 5 pm

Soccer 7 pm

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Thursday:

Senior Prom 9 pm

Saturday:

Picnic 12:30 pm

Banquet 6 pm

Commencement 8:15 pm

Menu

Lunch: apricot chicken curry
or green curried veggies with
chickpea ragu over jasmine
rice; mushroom soup

Dinner: chicken crepes w/
tarragon cream sauce; veggie
lasagna

Weather

Today: p. cloudy 88/69

Thursday: pm storms 85/66

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*Happy Birthday, Mr. President.
--Marilyn Monroe--*

Retrospectacular

Tonight's the final night Ed Brown will show his Summer 2010 Slide Show. Do we even call them slides anymore? And isn't it actually in Power Point? I mean, c'mon, it's the 21st century. Next year, he'll take exclusively digital photos, beam them to your iPad in seconds—or better yet, that chip we'll have implanted in everyone's head—and you can only give him feedback over Facebook. Not that I'm trying to sound alarmist... **The photographic retrospective begins at 8 tonight in the Barn.** While you're there, be certain to lay your eyes on Christian Gregory's Senior Film, which features graduates-to-be speaking about the contours of their BL experiences down the years.

Don't Give This Note Shirt Shrft

Georgia Summers and the other DA's have 2010 Bread Loaf t-shirts to hand out and/or purchase. **Look for their table on the front porch of the Inn before and after lunch today.** With extras available, you can buy up all the XS for the kiddiwinkies or the XM for the oompaloompas back home. You can find a handful of larger sizes as well. Thanks again to Rosalie Alvarez for her design!

I Saw Her Today At The Reception

The Senior Reception at 5 pm will take place at Treman—not Earthworm Manor—due to the heavy machinery, road dust, and threat of rain. Look smart and step lively, ye lads and lasses.

Wait Wait, Don't Tell Me

You want to serve at the Graduation Banquet? That's fantastic! You'll ease the mind of a few waiters who still need coverage for the event, Amy and Andy can quit sweating the details, you get to see all your Senior friends duded up, meet their folks, and trade quips about Joseph Battell over coffee. See or email Mezeske or Appel immediately.

Bringin' It All Back Home

As you de-clutter the pile that used to be a desk in your room, please set aside, then return, all library books. The Middlebury librarians will be boxing up Davison's holdings (per Jim's poem last night) in the next couple of days and need that dog-eared copy of Ellen you cited for Mr. Wood's final paper. Likewise, if you used a room key this summer, drop that off at the Front Desk before you drop off the Mountain.

Once More With Feeling

Please put these items on your agenda, just before Load the car and right after Give back all random tableware to the Dining Hall:

1. Fill out course evaluations and send to Elaine Lathrop
 - a. BL takes very seriously your feedback and is committed to refining the classroom experience
2. Fill out program evaluation and send to Elaine Lathrop
 - a. If you've wondered 'why do they do *that* here?' and had no answer, let the staff know. If events, lodging, dining experiences, or another piece of Bread Loaf might be improved, let the staff know. If something should absolutely, positively, categorically *not* be changed, let the staff know.
3. Fill out off-campus housing evaluation and return to Karen Browne
 - a. The Housing List undergoes constant updating and revision based upon your (constructive) criticism. Make certain that future Loafers have a comfortable, convenient living situation.
4. Submit your 2011 re-enrollment online.
 - a. It's just one way to assuage the dolorous waves of leave-taking and, what's more, you can cross it off your Spring To Do List.
5. Hang on to your BL ID cards
 - a. But only if you care to find out what grades you received this summer. Those should be available in another month or thereabouts.

I Have A Few Reservations About This

All those students who will *not* graduate and will *not* be waiting tables, but still plan to attend the Graduation Banquet, please see Victoria Brown ASAP to make a reservation. You won't have a seat unless you do so. Hey, wouldn't it be sweet to serve food, though, and get paid a little moolah? See Item #4 on Page 1.

Na Nu Na Nu

The final van run down to Midd will shove off at 1:30 today. If you've a yen to ride in an egg-shaped vehicle, a few errands to run in town, or a message to take back to Orson, sign up at the Front Desk.

Pickup Artist

Ed Brown's Waitstaff, Faculty, Seniors, Staff, and All School photographs are now available at the Front Desk.

Tippecanoe And Waitstaff, Too

Should you feel so called, you may leave tips for your Housekeeping staff and your Waiters at the Front Desk.

Snakes On A Plane

Since hiring Samuel L. Jackson as an Air Marshal, the threat of such an occurrence at the Burlington Airport has significantly decreased. However, some Loafers still need a ride to B'town where they can breathe easy under Mr. Jackson's aegis. **Dave O'Connell** would love to depart the Mountain **today, anytime after class ends at 12:15 pm.** **Suzie Telep's** got a **Friday flight at 11 am that requires an arrival in Burlington around 9.** **Viktoria Lotz** needs arrive at the airport by **1:30 Saturday, which means a lunchtime departure from the Mountain.** All would be happy to throw in for petrol. Safe travels and godspeed, you aeronauts.

Hey, SENIORS!

You can't forget to **pick up Graduation Regalia in the Bookstore Thursday or Friday.** Plus, you've got a **Prom at 9 pm in the Barn tomorrow night.** And you should know that **Christian's Senior Film** will **play in the Inn Lobby all day today on the desk next to the mailboxes.** Finally, please gather in the Blue Parlor at **5:45 pm Saturday evening before the Banquet.**

What Once Was Lost Can Now Be Found On The Coat Rack Outside The Dining Hall

Missing your pocketbook, tan jacket, magenta scarf, shades, or spectacles? The art of losing isn't hard to master....

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